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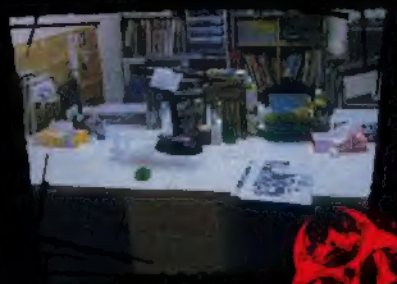

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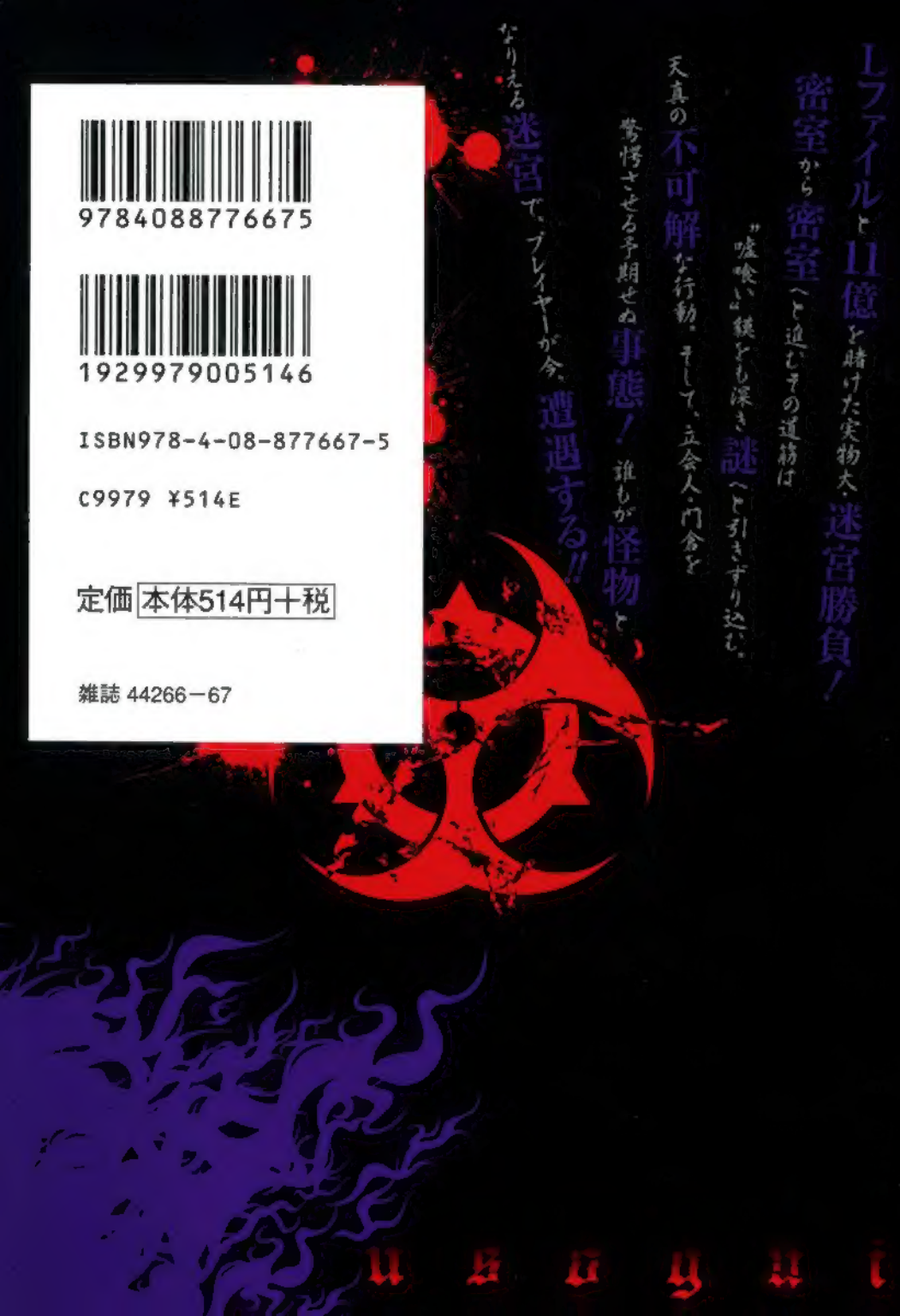


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## THE STORY UNTIL NOW:

THE LABYRINTH GAME BEGAN UNDERNEATH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT BUILDING. AFTER OVERCOMING A SERIES OF GAMBLES AND RISKY GAMES, BAKU WAS VICTORIOUS. FOLLOWING THIS WIN, THE MANIPULATOR OF THE LABYRINTH, AMAKO SEIICHI AND MINOWA FROM THE PRIVATE FUNERAL DIVISION APPEARED. CHALLENGING THE NEW ARRIVALS BAKU PLAYS A NEW GAME WITH 1.1 BILLION YEN AND THE L FILE AT STAKE. WITH DEVIOUS PLOTS AND LIES CLASHING AGAINST EACH OTHER, THE LABYRINTH GAME WITH KADOKURA AS THE OVERSEER STARTS! BAKU, MARCO, AMAKO, AND MINOWA GO HEAD TO HEAD AS THEY FEAR THE HIDDEN BEAST WITHIN THE MAZE. THE FIRST ONE TO OPEN THE DOORS WAS BAKU...?!

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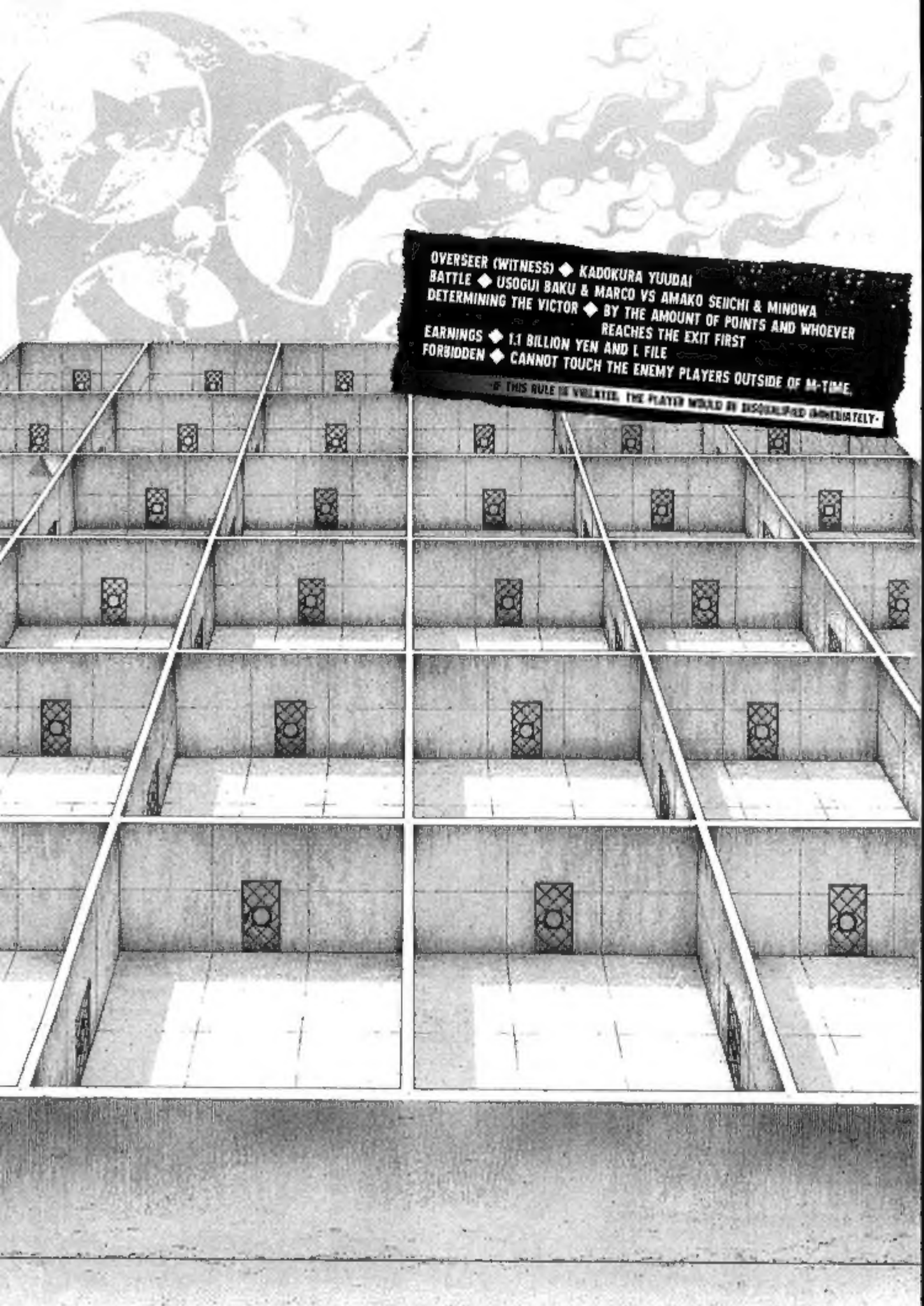
OVERSEER (WITNESS) ◆ KADOKURA YUUDAI
BATTLE ◆ USOGUI BAKU & MARCO VS AMAKO SEIICHI & MINOWA
DETERMINING THE VICTOR ◆ BY THE AMOUNT OF POINTS AND WHOEVER REACHES THE EXIT FIRST
EARNINGS ◆ 1.1 BILLION YEN AND L FILE
FORBIDDEN ◆ CANNOT TOUCH THE ENEMY PLAYERS OUTSIDE OF M-TIME.
* IF THIS RULE IS VIOLATED, THE PLAYER WOULD BE DISQUALIFIED IMMEDIATELY.

# Chapter 121:
# The thing that follows

Baku-sama...
...you have gained 1 MP
WELL FIRST OFF...
...THE DOOR HAS OPENED... WHAT HAPPENS NOW?
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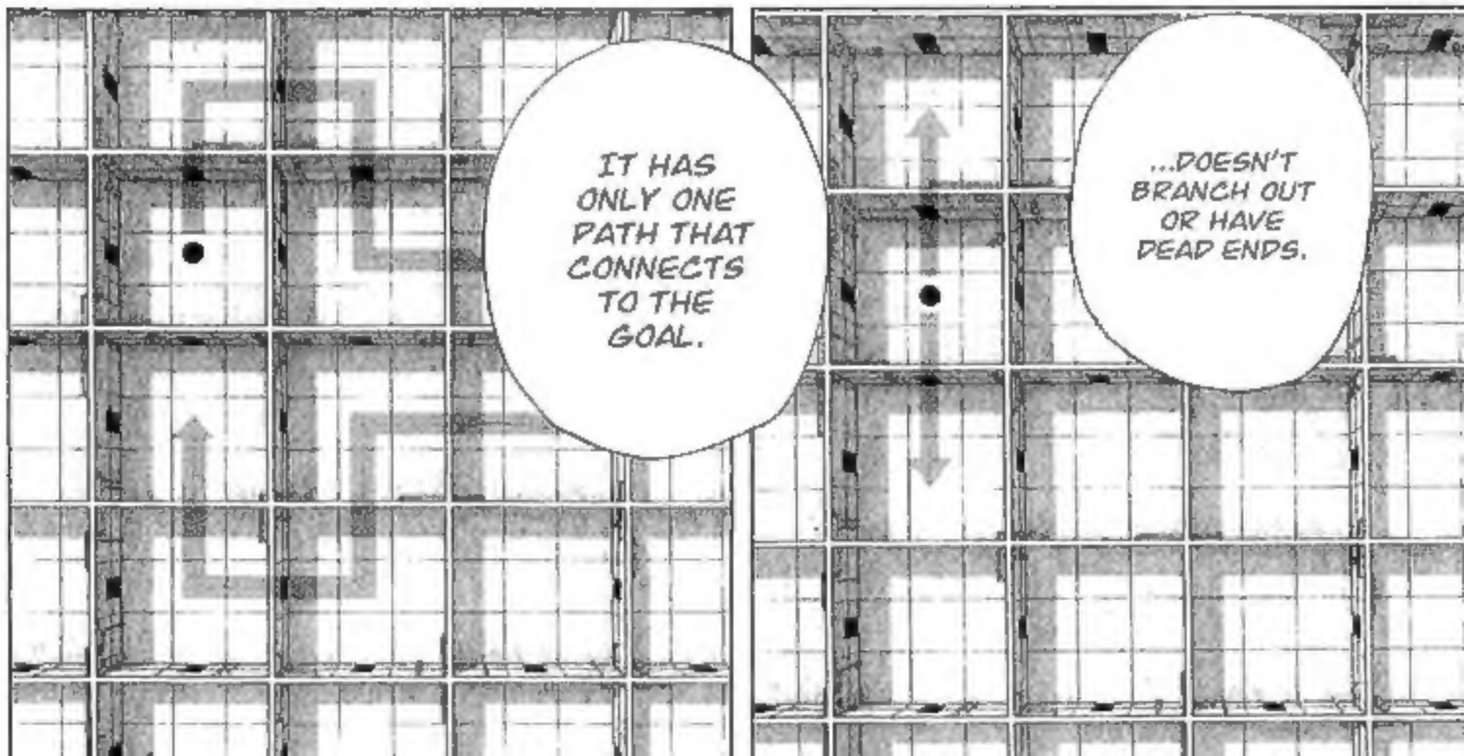
THAT HINT MEANS THAT THIS LABY-RINTH...
IT'S MADE SO THAT ONE CAN PASS THROUGH THE ROOMS USING THE SHORTEST ROUTE.
EVERY TIME I GO THROUGH THE CORRECT DOOR, I GAIN MP...
.....
Please continue through the laby-rinth.

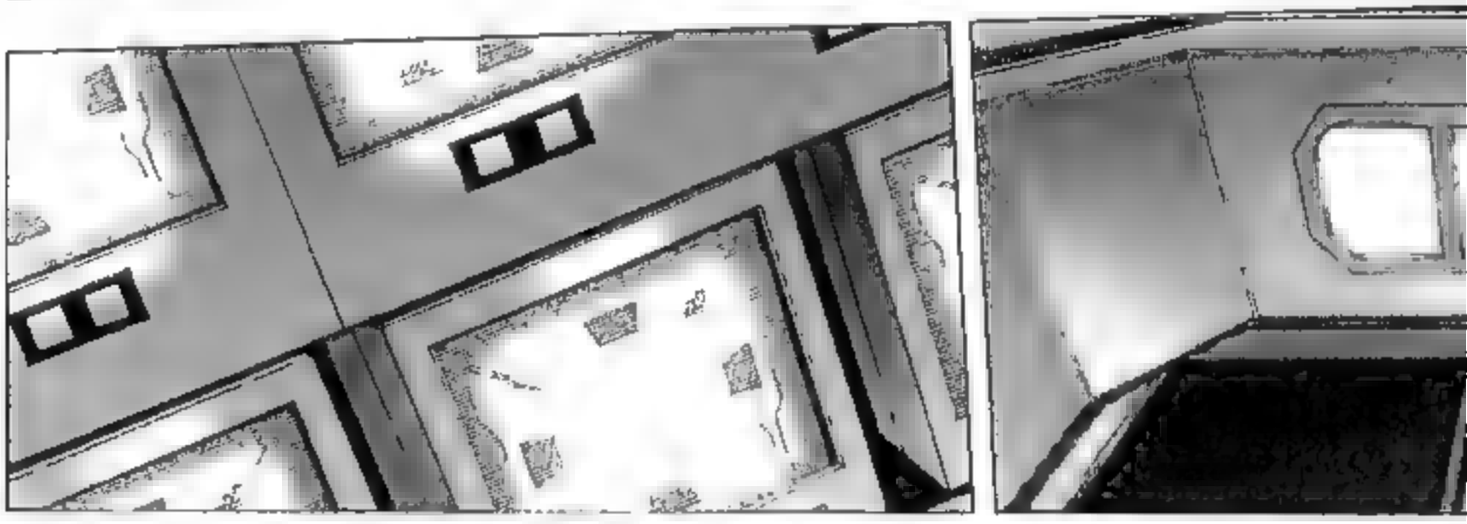

IT HAS ONLY ONE PATH THAT CONNECTS TO THE GOAL.
...DOESN'T BRANCH OUT OR HAVE DEAD ENDS.

...THAT HINT...
.....
THIS HINT MAY SEEM LIKE GIBBERISH TO EVERYONE AT FIRST BUT I HOPE THAT THESE WORDS WILL HELP DURING THE GAME
AND...
THIS IS HOW IT'S CREATED
IT'S MADE SO THAT ONE CAN PASS THROUGH THE ROOMS USING THE SHORTEST ROUTE
THERE IS ONE CROSS-SHAPED FORK IN THE ROAD

CAN WE GO BACK TO THE ROOM THAT WE PROCEEDED FROM?
KADOKURA-SAN..
I SUPPOSE I HAVE TO FIND OUT WHAT THAT IS FIRST.
SO, THE LABYRINTH IS CREATED USING A CERTAIN ALGORITHM .. HUH .

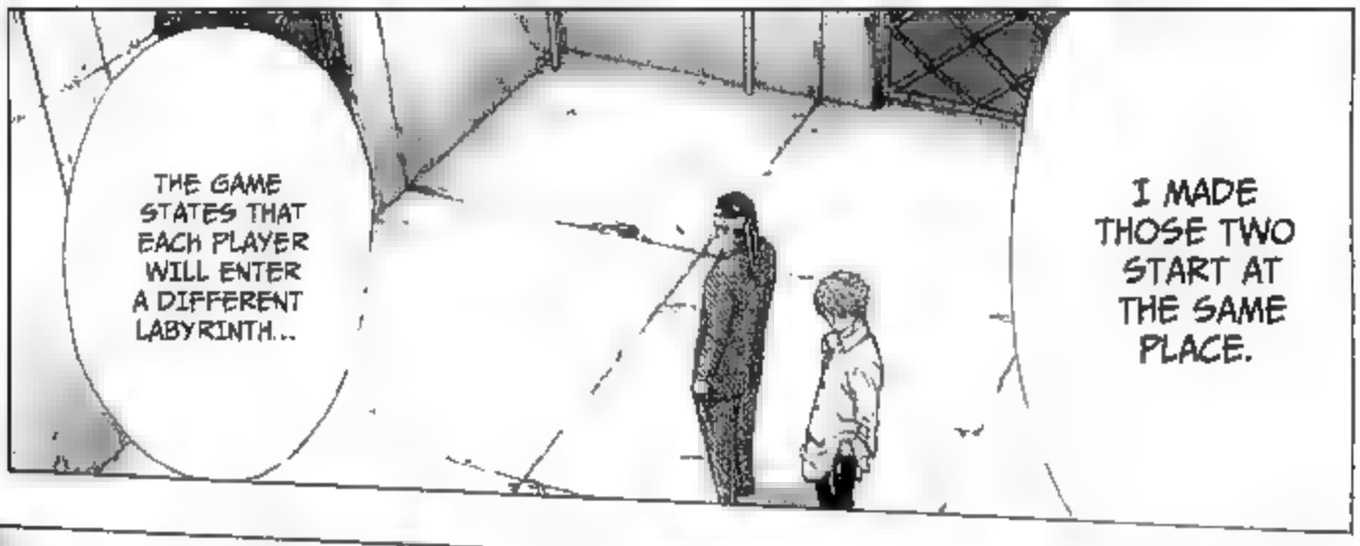
OH, REALLY
NO ONE CAN GRASP THE ALGORITHM OF THIS LABYRINTH SO EARLY IN THE GAME.
However, if you meet a player upon returning to the room, you won't be in M-time.
There is a 5-minute time limit, but it's possible.
Additionally, after M-time, the victor cannot go back and challenge the same player to M-time

HE EVEN LIED TO ME.
...KNEW THAT THE ROOM WAS A CORNER ROOM...
BUT SOMEHOW THAT MAN...
THIS IS PROBABLY NOT A CORNER ROOM.
I SEE.
MINOWA THIS IS



HE CORRECTLY GUESSED OUT OF THE TWO CHOICES TWICE IN A ROW.
IT'S NOT FOUR CHOICES.
OUT OF THE FOUR CHOICES, USOGUI WENT THROUGH THE CORRECT DOOR ON HIS FIRST TRY
I CANNOT HELP BUT BE AMAZED... HE RECEIVED NO HINTS AND WENT THROUGH THE CORRECT DOOR..

...LET'S ASSUME THAT HE KNEW WHETHER THE ROOM WAS A CORNER OR NOT.
FIRST...
AS AMAKO SAYS...
TWICE IN A ROW.
.. OUT OF TWO CHOICES?


THE GAME STATES THAT EACH PLAYER WILL ENTER A DIFFERENT LABYRINTH..
I MADE THOSE TWO START AT THE SAME PLACE.

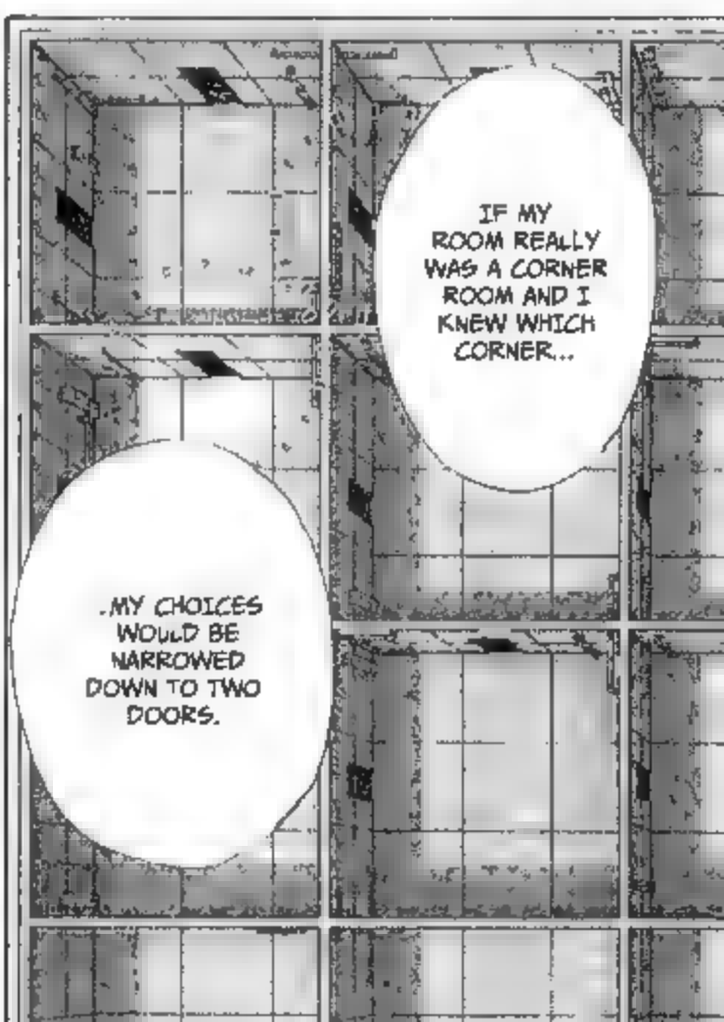
AND IF I KNEW SOME INFORMATION ABOUT THE ROOM .
I WOULD DEFINITELY TELL MY ALLY... IF HE REALLY WAS MY ALLY...
THUS, THE CORRECT DOOR CAN'T BE THE SAME FOR BOTH PLAYERS.
ONE WOULD NATURALLY ASSUME THAT EACH PLAYER HAS A CORRECT DOOR TO PASS THROUGH.

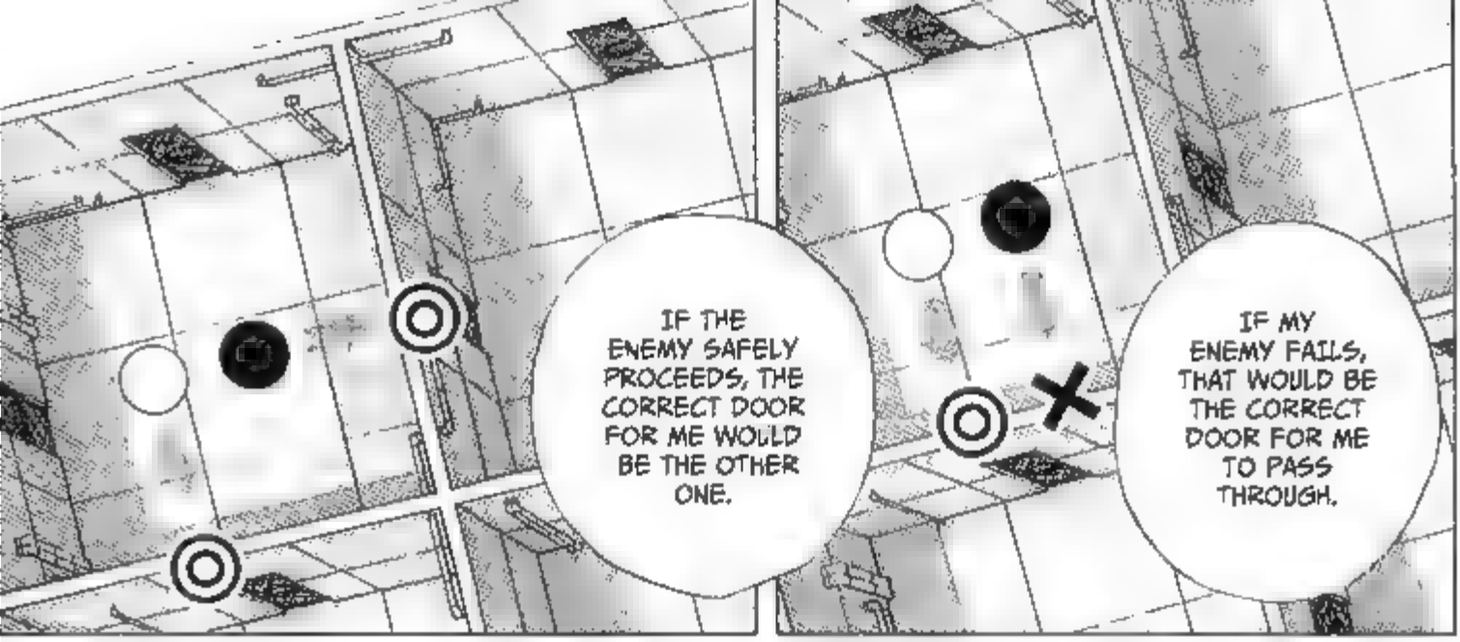
.. LIE SO THAT THE PLAYER FAILS.
I WOULD.
.....
..IT WAS A FOOLISH ENEMY PLAYER THAT WAS TRYING TO DUPE ME?
..WHERE SHOULD I GO NOW?
BUT WHAT IF...
BY THE WAY,

I WOULD WANT TO KNOW THE CORRECT DOOR FOR MYSELF...
IS THAT IT?
IF I WERE TO KNOW THE ROOM WAS A CORNER ROOM, I WOULD HAVE ANOTHER THOUGHT IN MIND...

THE DOOR YOU'RE HEADING TO OR THROUGH THE DOOR TO THE RIGHT OF THAT
I M SAYING THIS INSTINCTIVELY, BUT YOU SHOULD PROCEED THROUGH...

I WOULD SUGGEST THESE TWO DOORS TO MY ENEMY.


IF MY ROOM REALLY WAS A CORNER ROOM AND I KNEW WHICH CORNER..
.MY CHOICES WOULD BE NARROWED DOWN TO TWO DOORS.


IF THE ENEMY SAFELY PROCEEDS, THE CORRECT DOOR FOR ME WOULD BE THE OTHER ONE.
IF MY ENEMY FAILS, THAT WOULD BE THE CORRECT DOOR FOR ME TO PASS THROUGH.

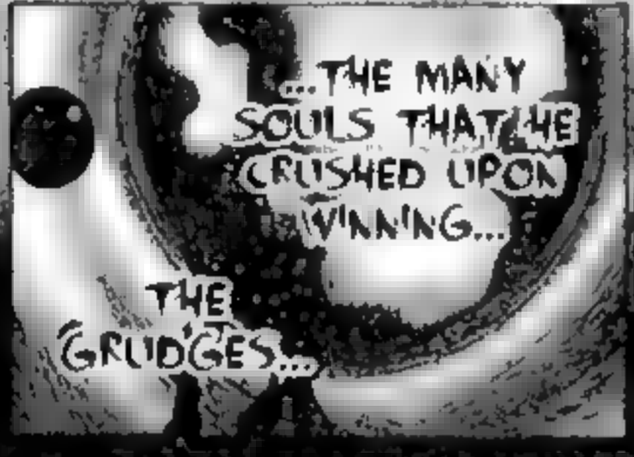
IN THE END, USOGUI HAD TO CHOOSE ONE OF THE TWO DOORS... THAT WAS THE SECOND GUESS OUT OF THE TWO CHOICES.
IN THAT CONVERSATION, THOSE TWO WERE THINKING THIS FAR AHEAD.

THE DECISION THAT AMAKO MADE... THAT WAS THE FIRST GUESS OUT OF THE TWO CHOICES...
AND...
...TO GET THIS FAR IN AN INSTANT..

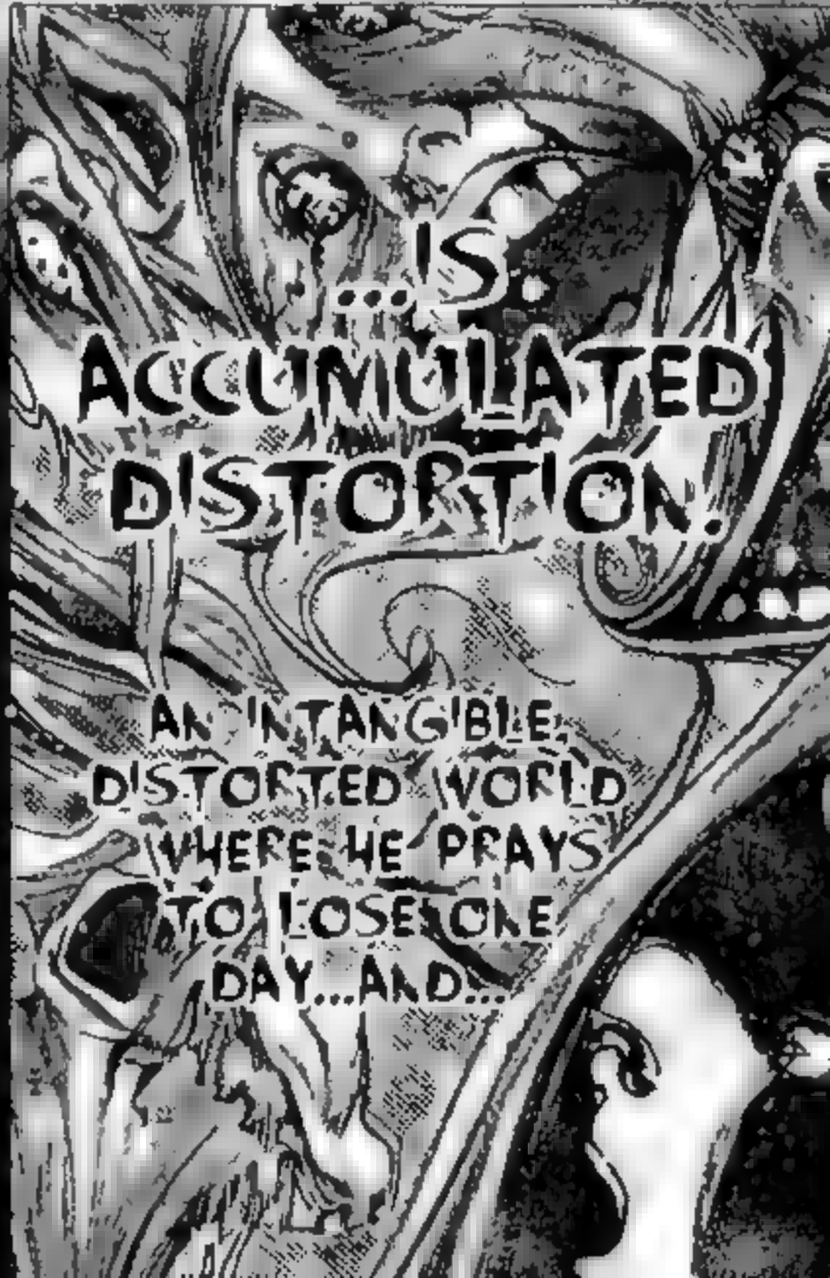
I CAN EITHER ALLOW MY ENEMY TO COMPLETELY FAIL AND THEN FIGURE OUT THE TWO DOORS FOR MYSELF,
OR I CAN GIVE MY ENEMY A CHANCE AND I CAN ENSURE MY OWN SAFETY.

A 25% CHANCE AND TWO 50% CHANCES. AT A FIRST GLANCE, THEY SEEM TO MEAN THE SAME THING.
BUT THEY GREATLY DIFFER IN A FEW ASPECTS.
IN ADDITION, THE PERSON IN QUESTION IS RIGHT IN FRONT OF HIS EYES. FOR JSOGUI, THE FIRST 50% CHANCE MAY NOT HAVE BEEN A GAMBLE AT ALL.

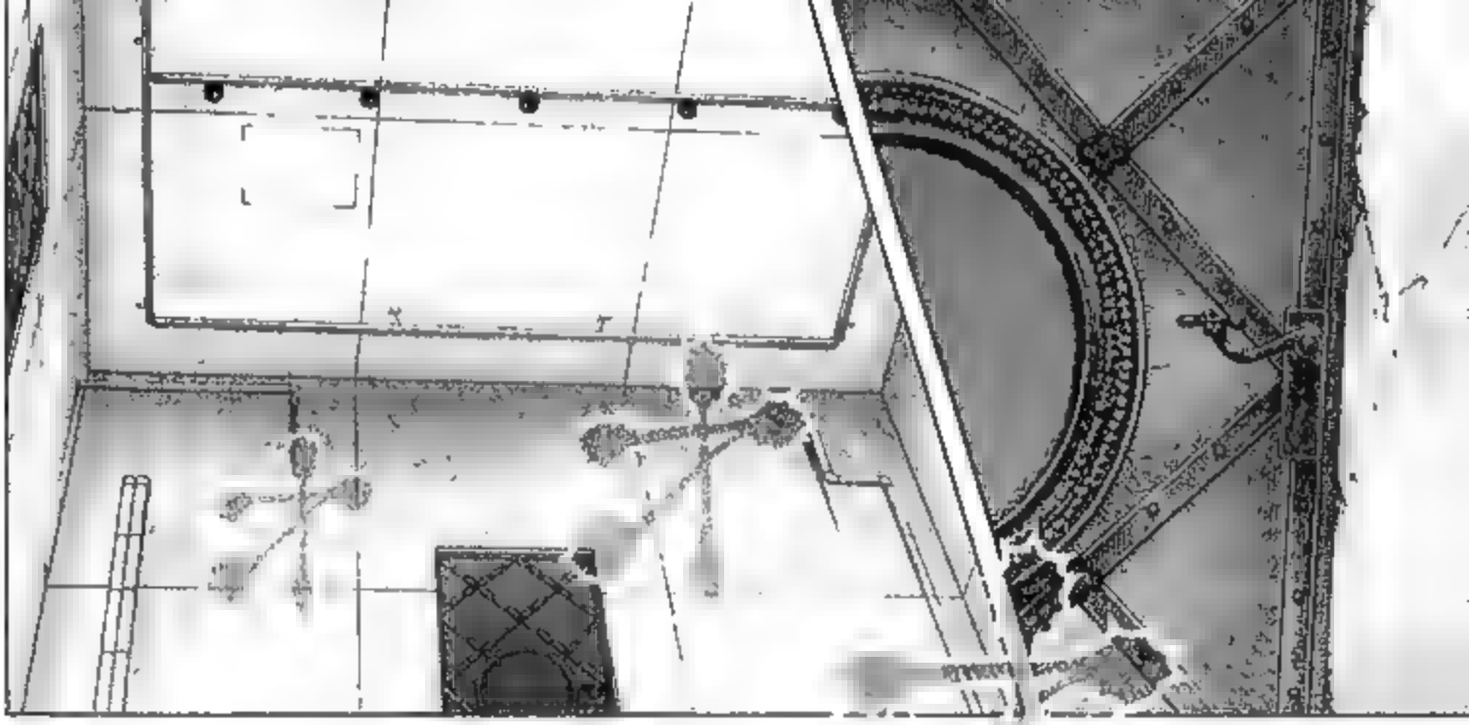
THE THING THAT FOLLOWS...
THE THING THAT IS LOST AFTER WINNING SO MANY TIMES...
THE THING THAT JSOGUI IS FIGHTING...
...PROBABILITY... IT'S PROBABLY NOT THAT SIMPLE...


...THE MANY SOULS THAT HE CRUSHED UPON WINNING...
THE GRUDGES...

AS NUMEROUS BATTLES ARE FOUGHT, THESE THOUGHTS SLOWLY CLOSE IN...
...AND THAT THING BECOMES INEVITABLE...


...IS... ACCUMULATED DISTORTION!
AN INTANGIBLE, DISTORTED WORLD WHERE HE PRAYS TO LOSE ONE DAY...AND...

HE BECOMES ENVELOPED IN EERINESS. AND EMITS AN EXTRAORDINARY AURA...
HE'S CURRENTLY SLIPPING THROUGH THE NARROW GAPS. TRYING TO ESCAPE.



AMAKO TRIED TO MAKE ME FACE A WALL...
I SORT OF UNDER-STAND HIS PERSONALITY THE PROB-LEM IS .

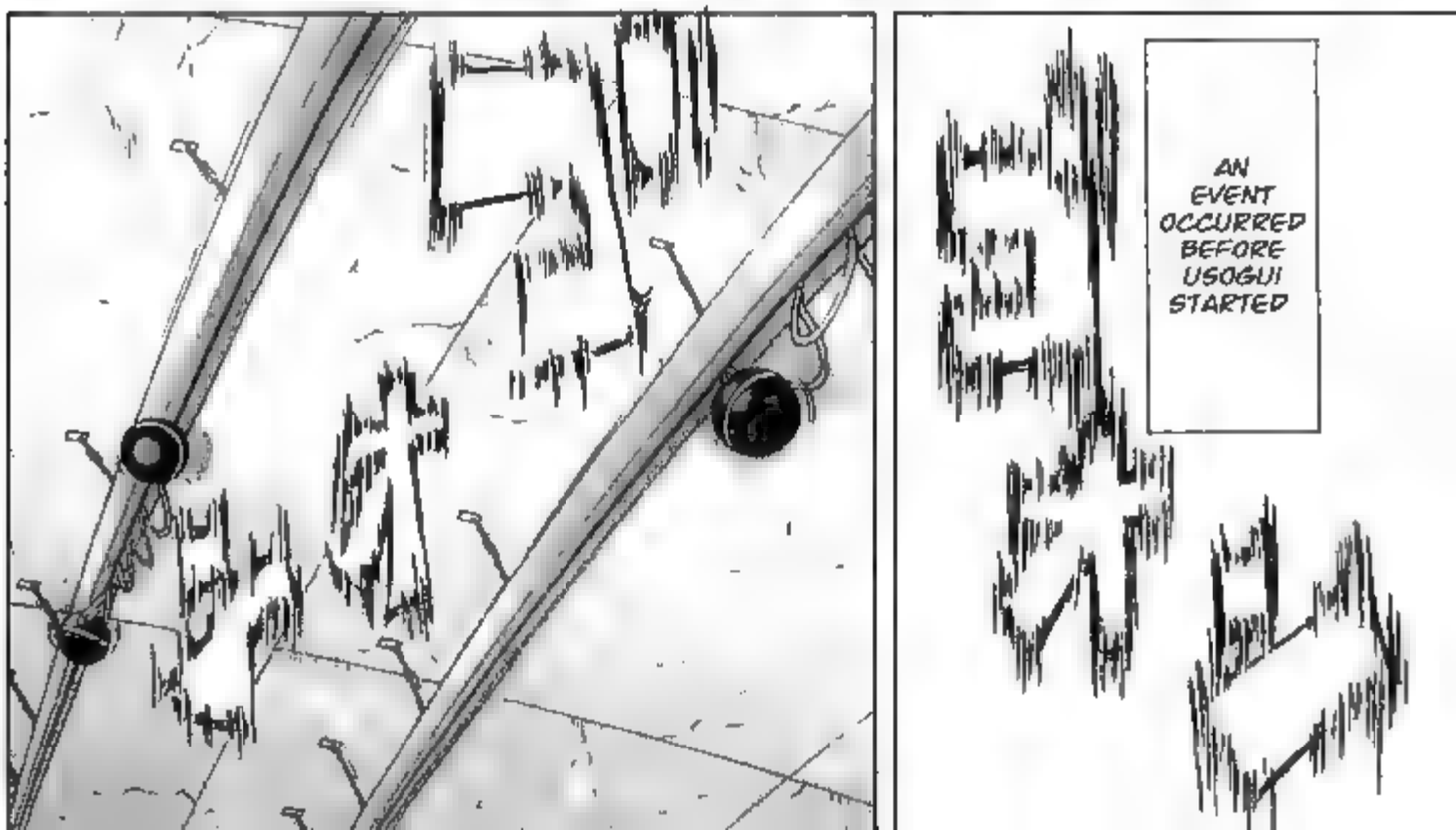
.....

. HOW HE UNDER-STOOD THAT IT WAS A CORNER ROOM
SOMETHING IS AMISS...

SINCE I CAME FROM THE CORNER ROOM, I HAVE TWO CHOICES
HOW SIMPLE
Baku-sama.
WOOPS
You have a minute remaining.
Second room cleared.
!
LET'S TRY HERE
CLACK
I PRO-CEEDED THREE TIMES JUST LIKE THAT
.....
COULD I HAVE WON? I WON IN ROCK PAPER SCISSORS HERE
ANYWAY WHO WON IN ROCK PAPER SCISSORS? I KNOW I'M NOT LAST PLACE BUT
CLACK
!
I NOW HAVE 3 CHOICES, SO I'LL CHOOSE THE LEFT ONE
And onto the third room .

HMM..
It's lacked
Your turn is over, Baku-sama.
BAKU-SAMA..

BY THE WAY
USOGUI STOPPED ON HIS THIRD ROOM CURRENTLY HE HAS 3 MP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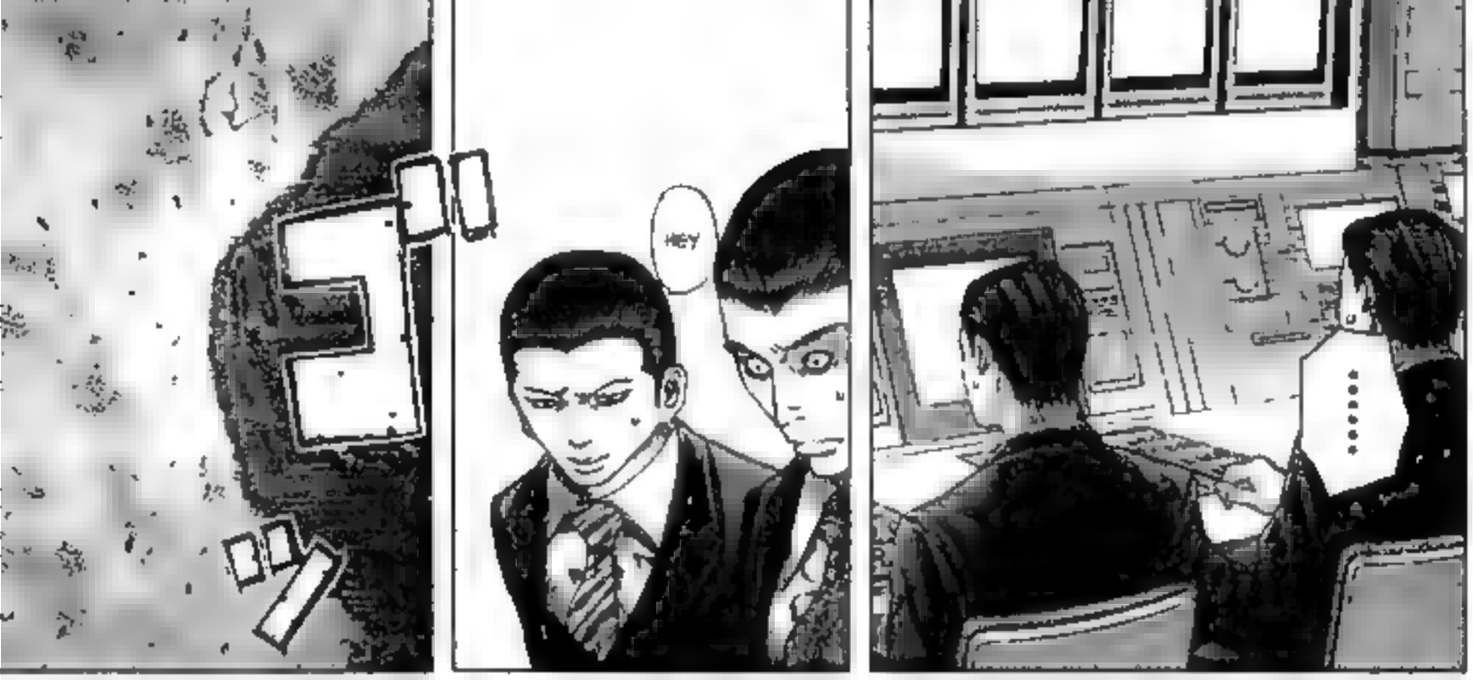
HEY
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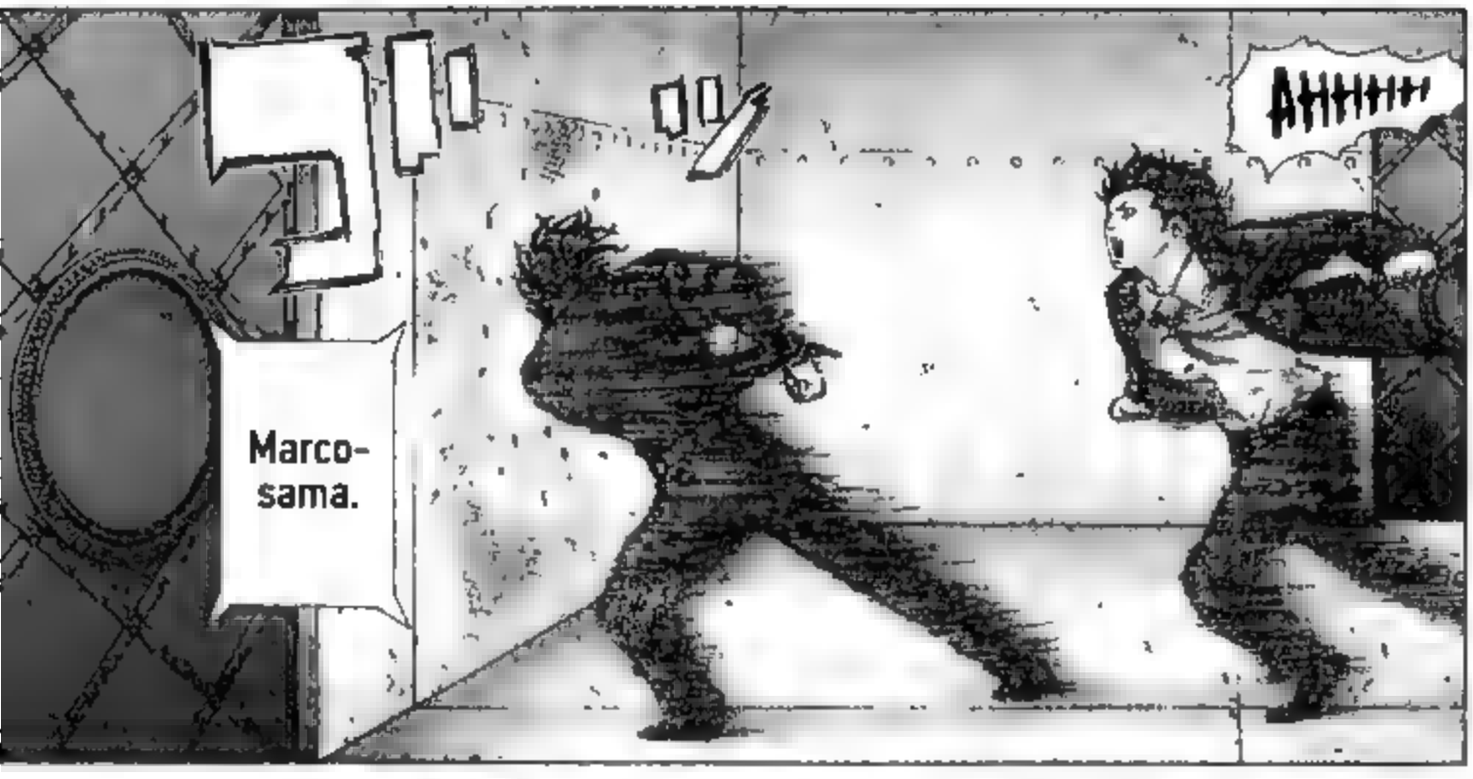
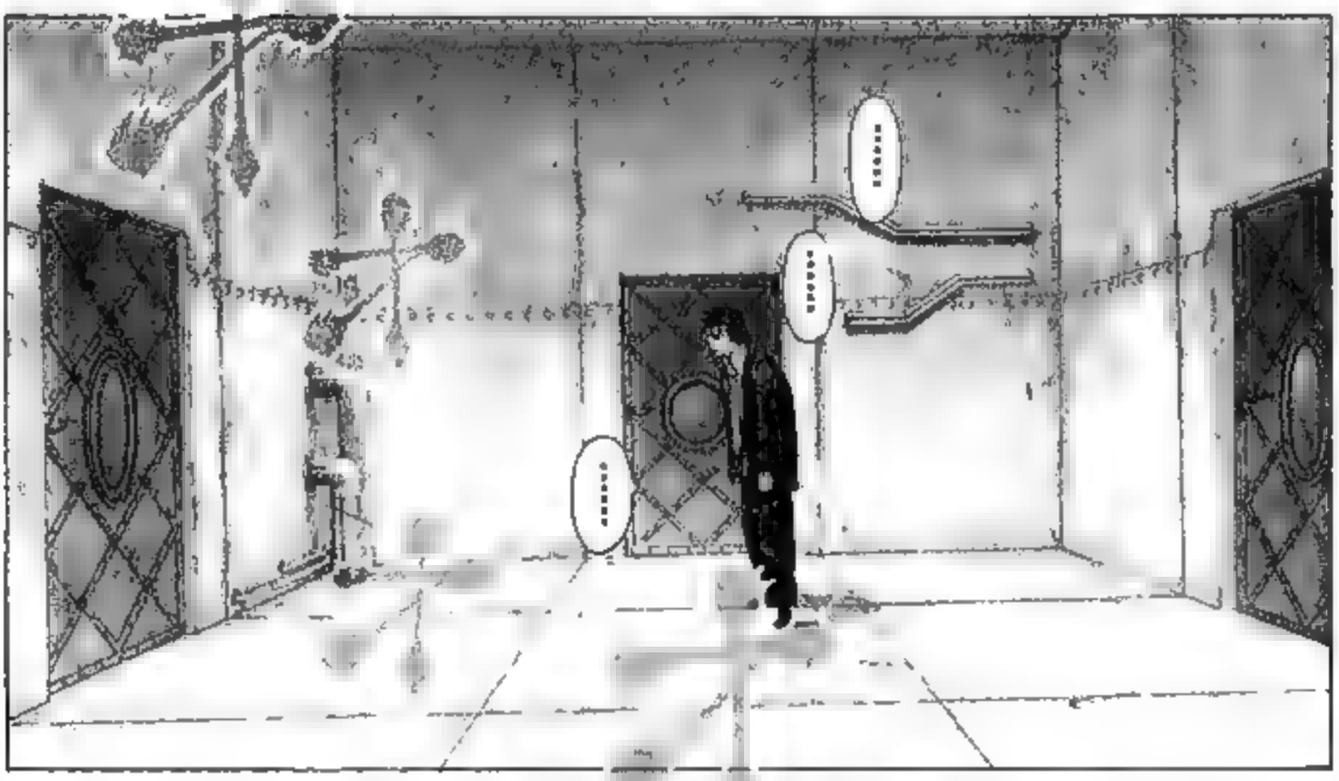
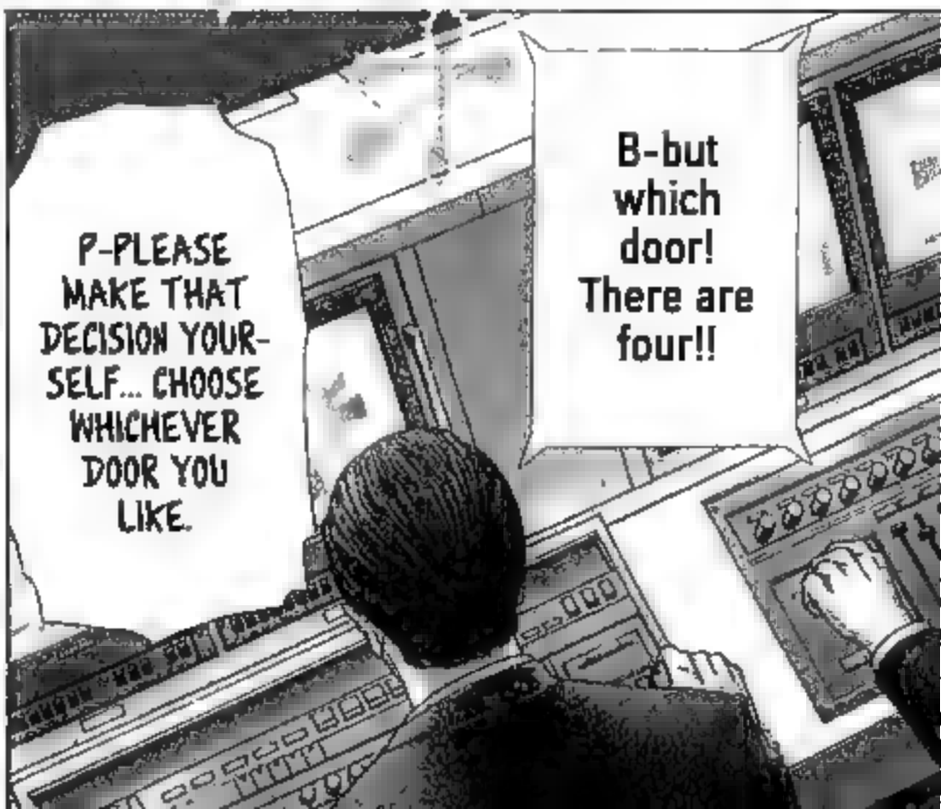

AHHHHH!
Marco-sama.

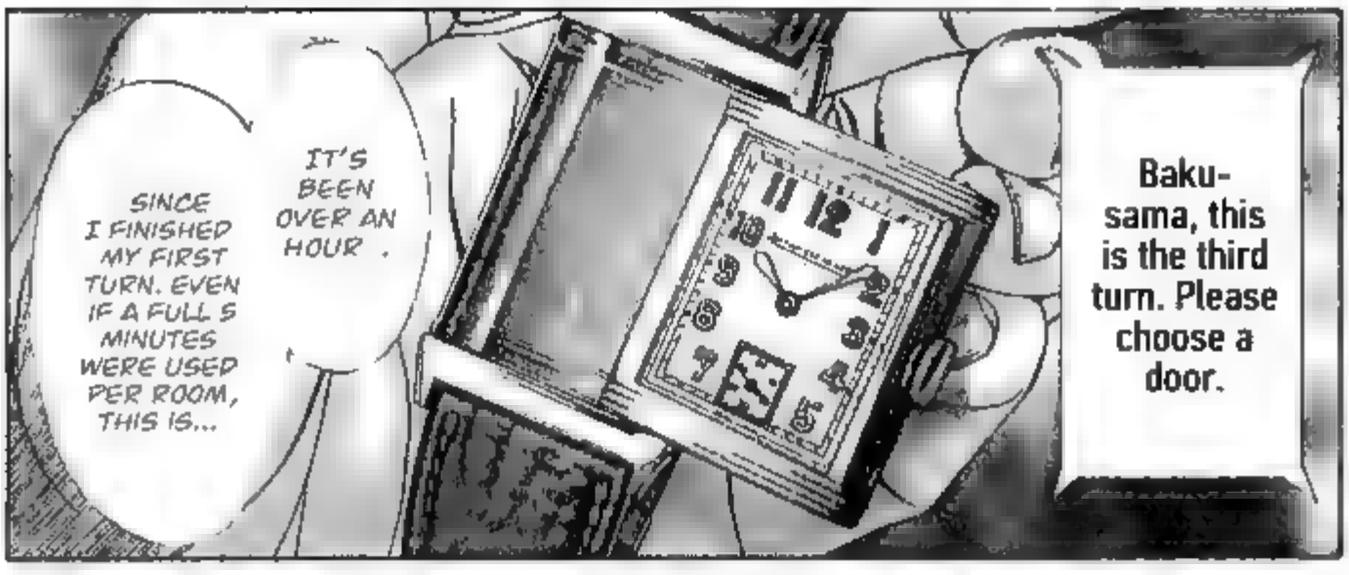
DOES HE EVEN UNDERSTAND WHAT WE'RE SAYING?
...will overcome this laby-rinth.
MARCO-SAMA!! THE WALL WON'T BREAK WITH SUCH ATTACKS... PLEASE STOP!
AH UGH
What are you doing?
MA-MARCO IS ALWAYS ALONE SO MARCO

That's not the point. These tackles are forbidden. Please place your hand on a doorknob and turn the knob to open a door.
WH-WHO ARE YOU GUYS?
I am Kakerou
.....
!!
Please proceed using these doors.



AGHHH UGHHHH
CLACK


P-PLEASE MAKE THAT DECISION YOURSELF... CHOOSE WHICHEVER DOOR YOU LIKE.
B-but which door! There are four!!

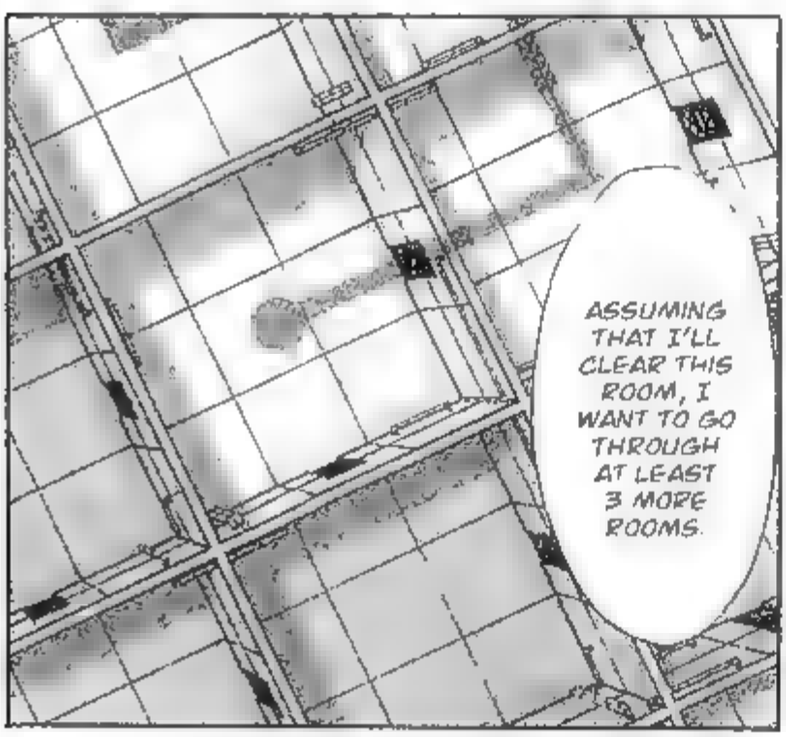

SINCE I FINISHED MY FIRST TURN. EVEN IF A FULL 5 MINUTES WERE USED PER ROOM, THIS IS...
IT'S BEEN OVER AN HOUR .
Baku-sama, this is the third turn. Please choose a door.

BUT THIS ALSO GIVES ME THE TIME TO THINK CAREFULLY
I CURRENTLY HAVE 6 MP

AT ANY RATE, THIS GAME IS PRETTY TIME CONSUMING.
IS EVERYONE JUST PROCEEDING BY QUITE A BIT?
I MAY RUN INTO SOMEONE PRETTY SOON

FIRST, I NEED A ROUGH LAYOUT OF ALL THE ROOMS.
USING MY INITIAL LOCATION.. I FIRST WENT TO THE DOOR ON THE LEFT.
THE DOOR TO THE LEFT FROM THE CORNER ROOM MEANS.

THAT ROOM IS EITHER .
...A6 OR F1.
A6
F1


ASSUMING THAT I'LL CLEAR THIS ROOM, I WANT TO GO THROUGH AT LEAST 3 MORE ROOMS.

F3...
IF I GO THERE, MY QUESTION WILL BE ANSWERED

FIRST TURN
THE DOOR NEXT TO THAT WAS THE ONE I JUST FAILED AT SO I ONLY HAVE ONE CHOICE LEFT.
SECOND TURN
FIRST TURN
THE DOOR TO MY RIGHT IS WHERE I FAILED THE FIRST TURN.
IT WAS LOCKED

...IS MORE MP.
-IN THIS GAME, THE ONE THING I NEED

It's locked.
IT'S BAD IF I CAN'T GO FORWARD AT ALL.

Your third turn is over.
!
Your current MP is still 6 MP.

...OR THE MONSTER OF THIS LABYRINTH...
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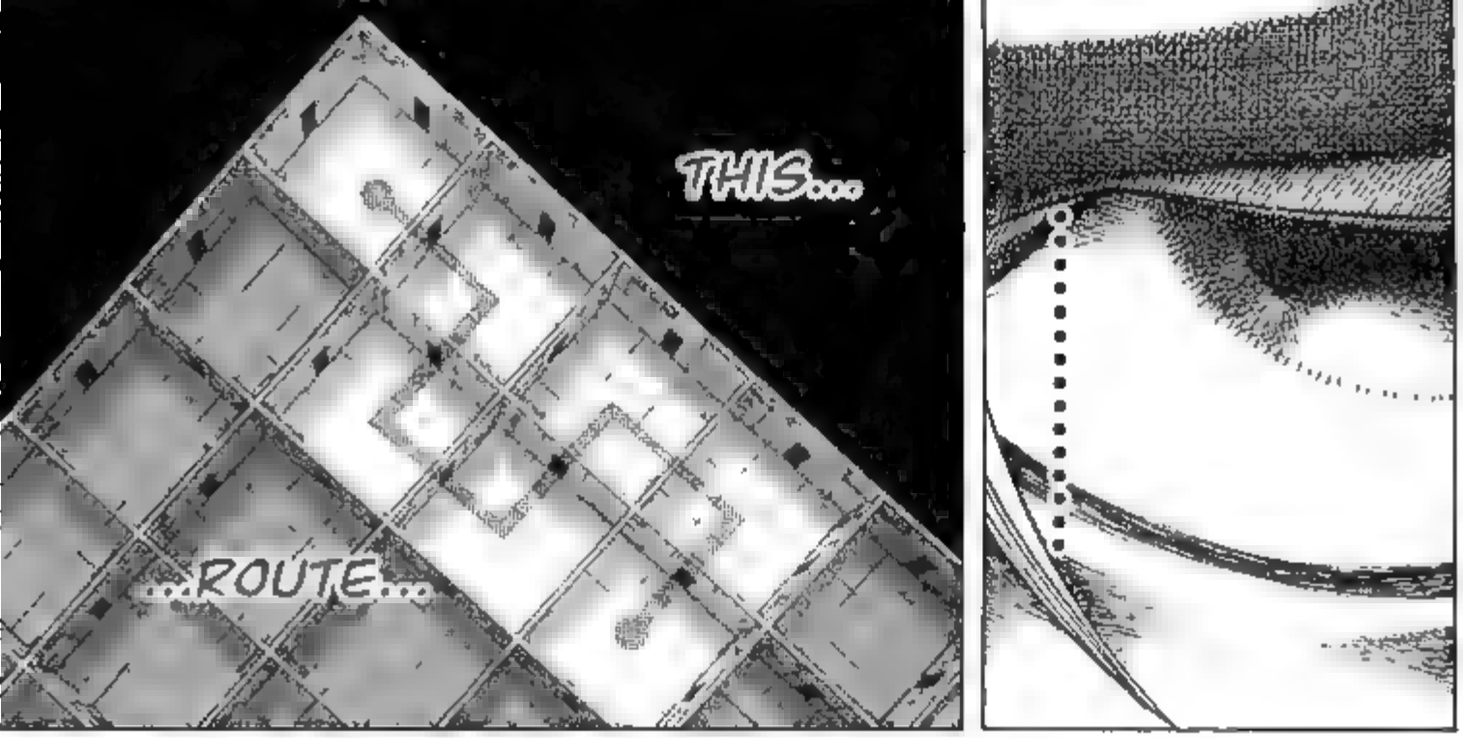
USOGUI WILL INEVITABLY BUMP INTO...
...THE DEPTHS OF MY LABYRINTH...

# Chapter 122: A restless atmosphere

WERE MY INITIAL THOUGHTS INCORRECT? THIS ROOM ONLY HAS DEAD ENDS...!
THE LABYRINTH DEFINITELY BRANCHES OUT SOMEWHERE...
It's locked.
.....
Baku-sama, your turn is over.
You currently still have 6 MP.
THERE IS ANOTHER POSSIBLE ROUTE...
...AND IT'S NOT THIS ONE...
.....
I GUESS I'LL GO BACK AND FIND IT...


THIS...
...ROUTE...

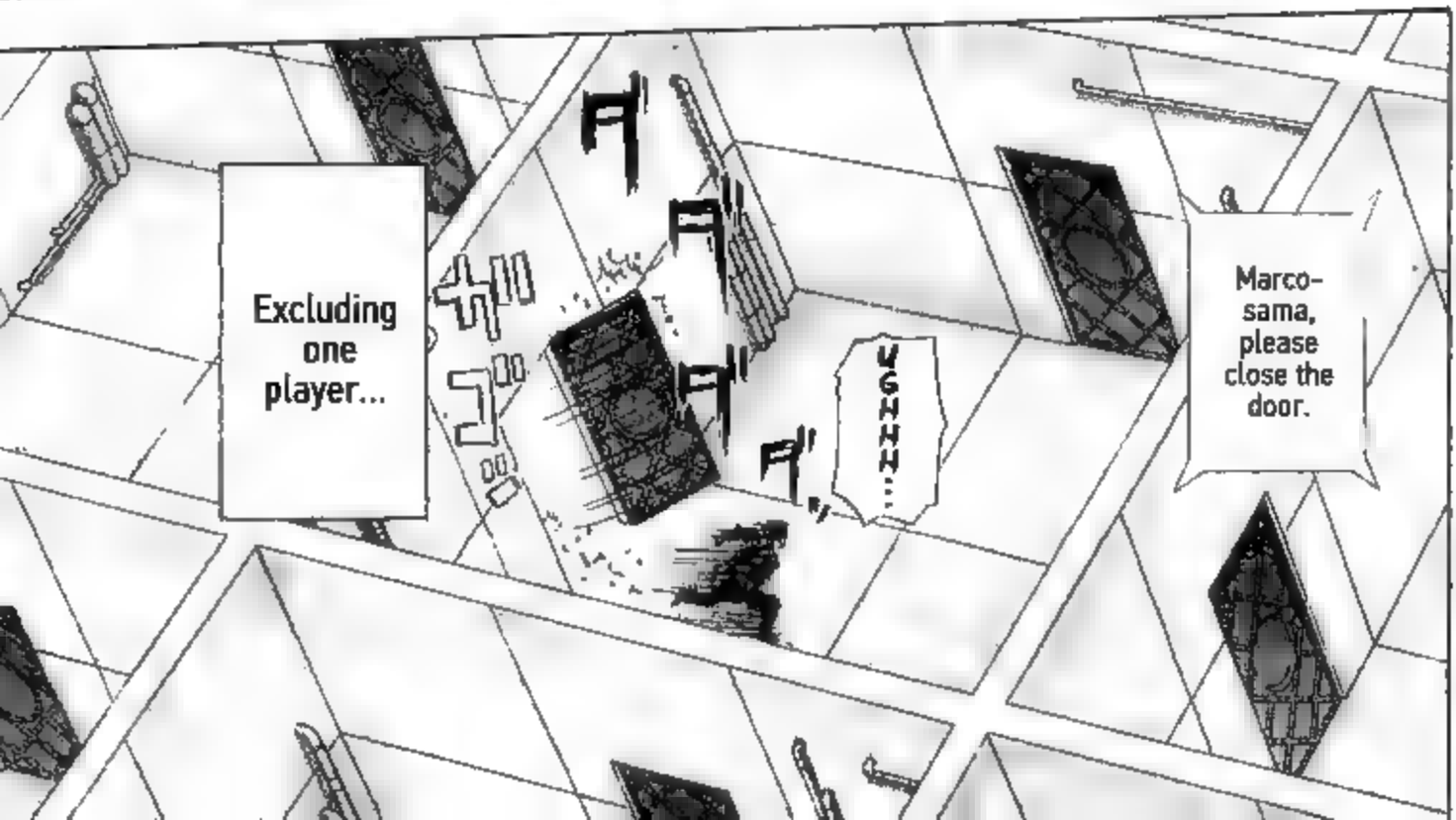
THIS MEANS THAT ANY-ONE CAN REACH THE GOAL.
MY LABYRINTH DOES HAVE A SOLUTION PREPARED.

THEY'LL SPREAD OUT A-ROUND THIS LABY-RINTH...
...AND WANDER ASTRAY...
HOW-EVER THIS LABYRINTH CONTAINS ENEMIES AND RIVALS
OF COURSE, ANYONE CAN THROUGH TRIAL AND ERROR.
THE LABYRINTH I CREATED WILL DEFINITELY CONFUSE THE PLAYERS.

AND PANIC WILL TAKE OVER.
AN UNKNOWN ROUTE WILL LEAD EACH PLAYER TO A MY-STERIOUS ROOM...
THEY WILL BELIEVE THAT THEY HAVE TO PROCEED AS FAST AS POSSIBLE.
THE PLAYERS, WHO ARE ALREADY AT THEIR WIT'S END, WILL BE DAUNTED BY EACH ROOM...
AN UNSURE HAND WILL TURN EACH DOOR-KNOB.
THEY'LL BE AFRAID TO MEET THE UN-KNOWN MONSTER WHO CAN APPEAR AT ANY MINUTE .

Amako-sama, your turn is over.
It's locked.

Minowa-sama, your turn is over.
It's locked.


Excluding one player...
UGHHH...
Marco-sama, please close the door.

THIS IS THE LIMIT...

FROM THIS POINT FORWARD, EACH CHOICE WILL BE A FATAL ONE

KADOKURA, WHAT'S WRONG?
AMAKO'S ACTIONS ARE..
!
THIS IS ..

.....
!
SLAM
HMM...
I SEE... NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT...
...THIS ISN'T WEIRD AT ALL...

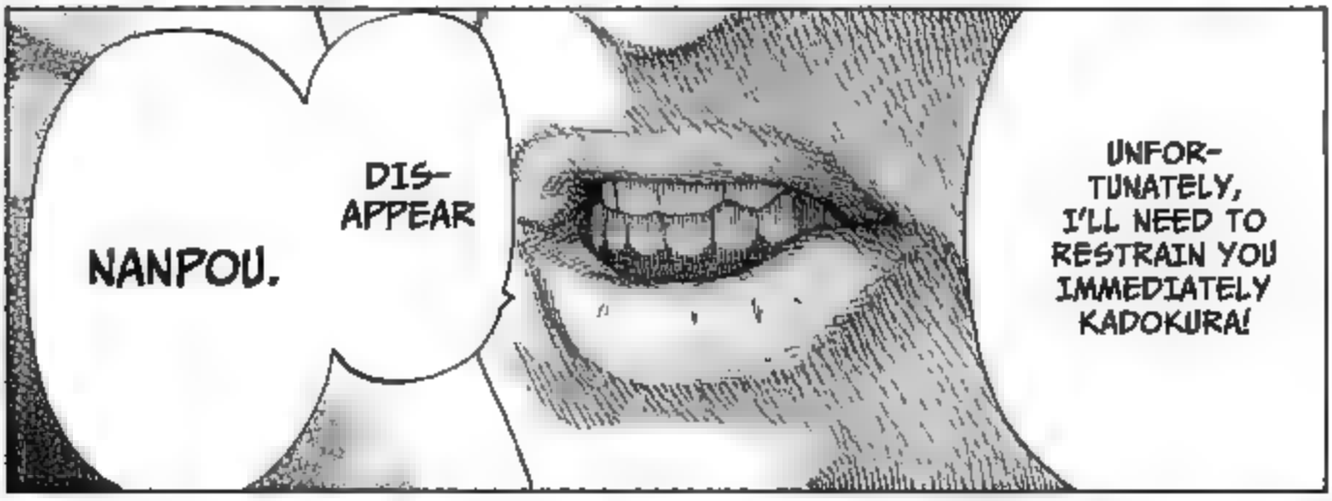
?
WHAT IS IT?
.....
HE'S USING THE MOST LOGICAL CHOICE OF WEAPON...
CLANG
AGHHH

WHAT...
...ARE YOU ALL DOING HERE?

IF IT ISN'T...
SWIFF
OH?

.....
NAN-POU.
...KADO-KURA.

TO THINK THAT THE CRIMINAL WHO'S BORROWING A ROOM IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IS MY FRIEND...
EVEN IF WE ARE OLD FRIENDS... AGHH...
I CAN'T LET THIS GO...ILLEGAL ACTS ARE AN ENEMY OF THE POLICE.
DON'T MIND HIM AND CONTINUE


UNFORTUNATELY, I'LL NEED TO RESTRAIN YOU IMMEDIATELY KADOKURA!
DISAPPEAR
NANPOU.

I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU'RE SCREWING AROUND LIKE THIS, BUT TAKE ANOTHER STEP INTO THIS ROOM..

...AND I'LL...

WE'RE OLD FRIENDS...IF YOU LEAVE NOW...
THIS WHOLE MATTER HAS ALREADY BEEN SETTLED WITH THE KAKEROU.
, I'LL LET YOU GO.

...KILL
YOU.

A WITNESS OR SOMETHING?
RIGHT, RIGHT. IF I RECALL, YOU'RE THAT, RIGHT, KADOKURA?
HOH.

PARDON ME.
WHOOPS
Beep
WHAT DID YOU SAY AGAIN? WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO TO ME?
AND?

LATER.
KAKEROU WITNESS!

YES.
.....

SORRY, I GUESS I DO HAVE SOMETHING TO DO AFTER ALL... I JUST RECEIVED A CALL.
IT'S TOUGH BEING SO ELITE... SORRY, KADOKURA.
A LOT OF BIG SHOTS MADE ME ESCORT THEM... SO I JUST TURNED OFF MY PHONE.

I MUSTN'T LET HIM GO.
.....

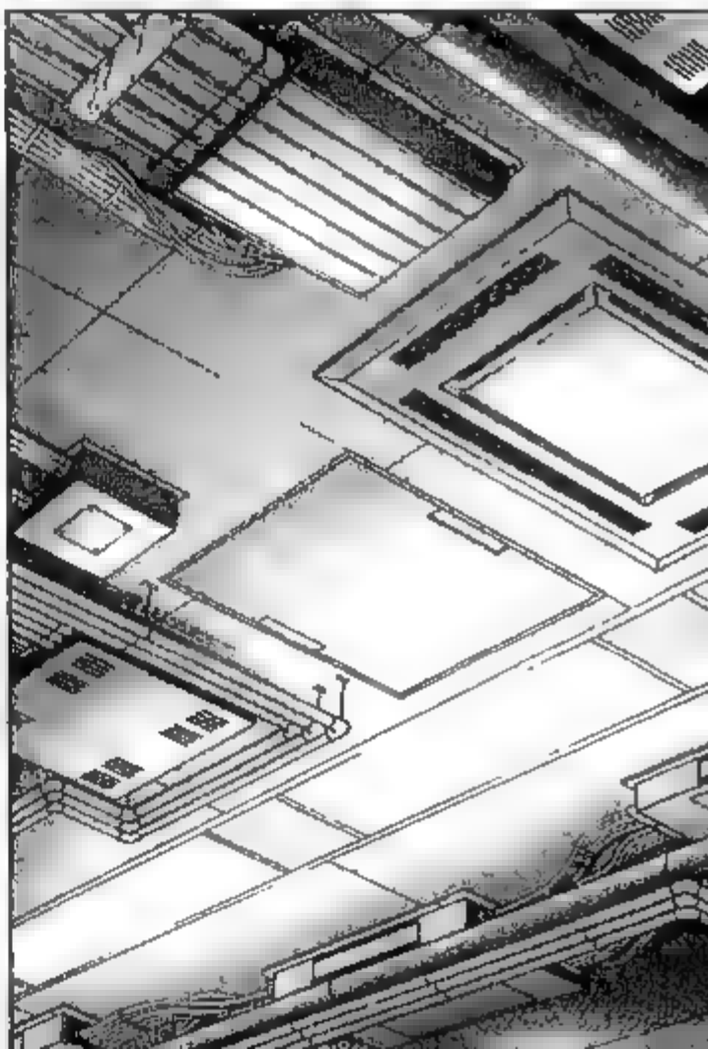
KADOKURA MADE A QUICK DECISION IN HIS MIND...
HE WASN'T CERTAIN, BUT HE WAS INSTINCTIVELY ALMOST SURE...
THE REST-LESS ATMO-SPHERE CROSSED KADO-KURA'S MIND...

HE HESITATED AND STOPPED.
BECAUSE HE WAS A WITNESS...
FSSHHH
...BUT HE WAS UNABLE TO PUT IT INTO ACTION.

.. WAS A SIGN THAT SEEMED TO COMPLETELY CHANGE THE SITUATION OF THE LABYRINTH GAME ..
HE WAS DRAWN TOWARDS THE MONITOR AND FELT AN OMINOUS ATMO-SPHERE.
YOU KNOW OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE POLICE. DON'T BE CARELESS.
WHAT HE SAW...
IF ANYONE HAS THEIR HANDS FREE..
...TELL THE PEOPLE WAITING OUT-SIDE TO SWIFTLY CREATE A FORMATION, IN CASE THEY NEED TO STEP IN.

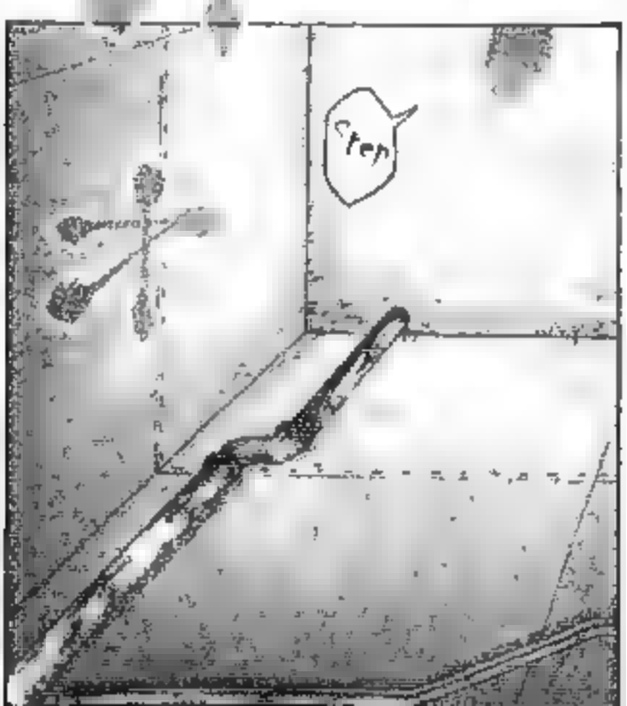
AND HIS PREDI-CTIONS BECAME REALITY.

!
HEY.



WHAT...
...IS THAT?

WHEN THE HELL DID HE...?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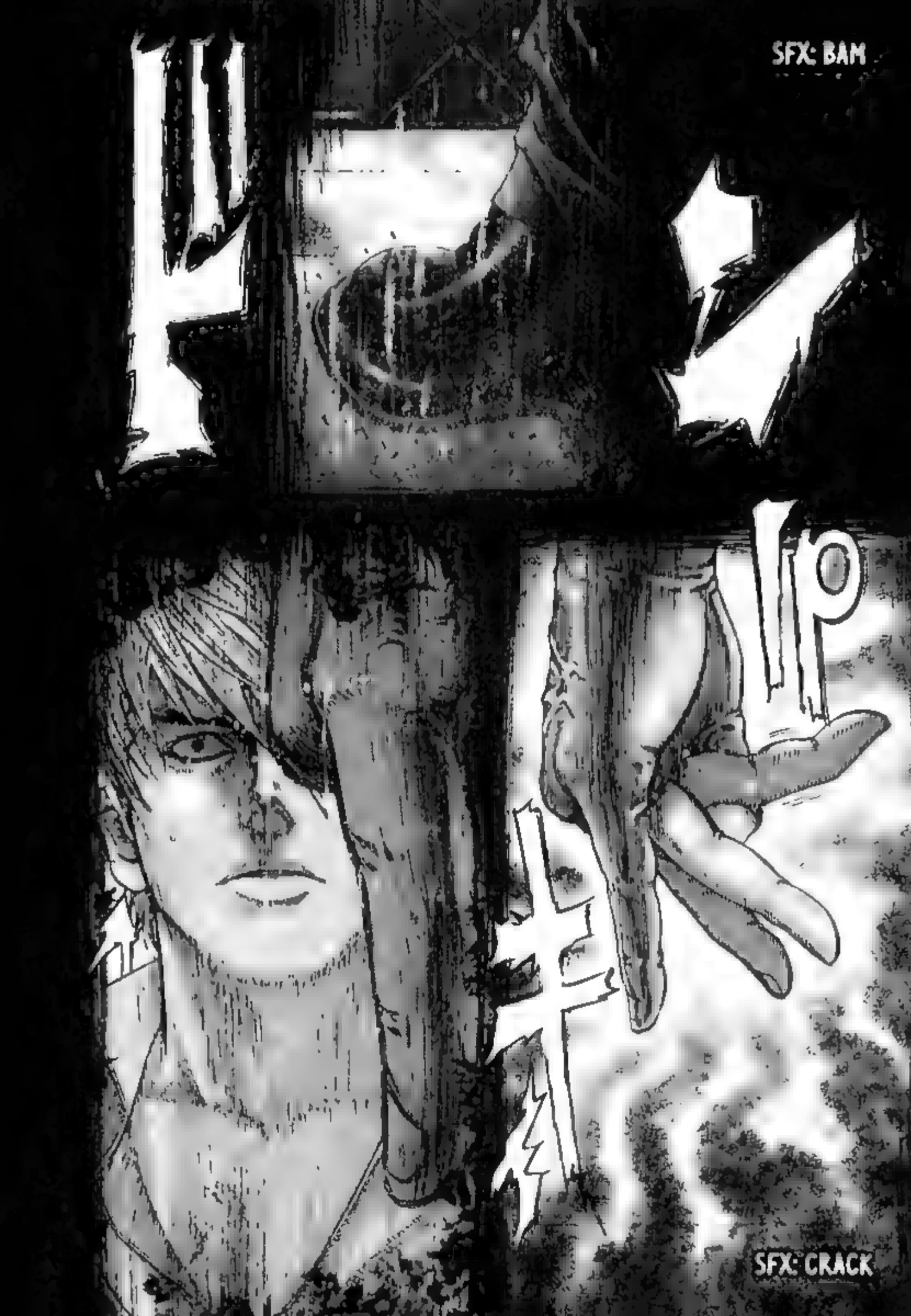
SFX: BAM
HELP
SFX: CRACK

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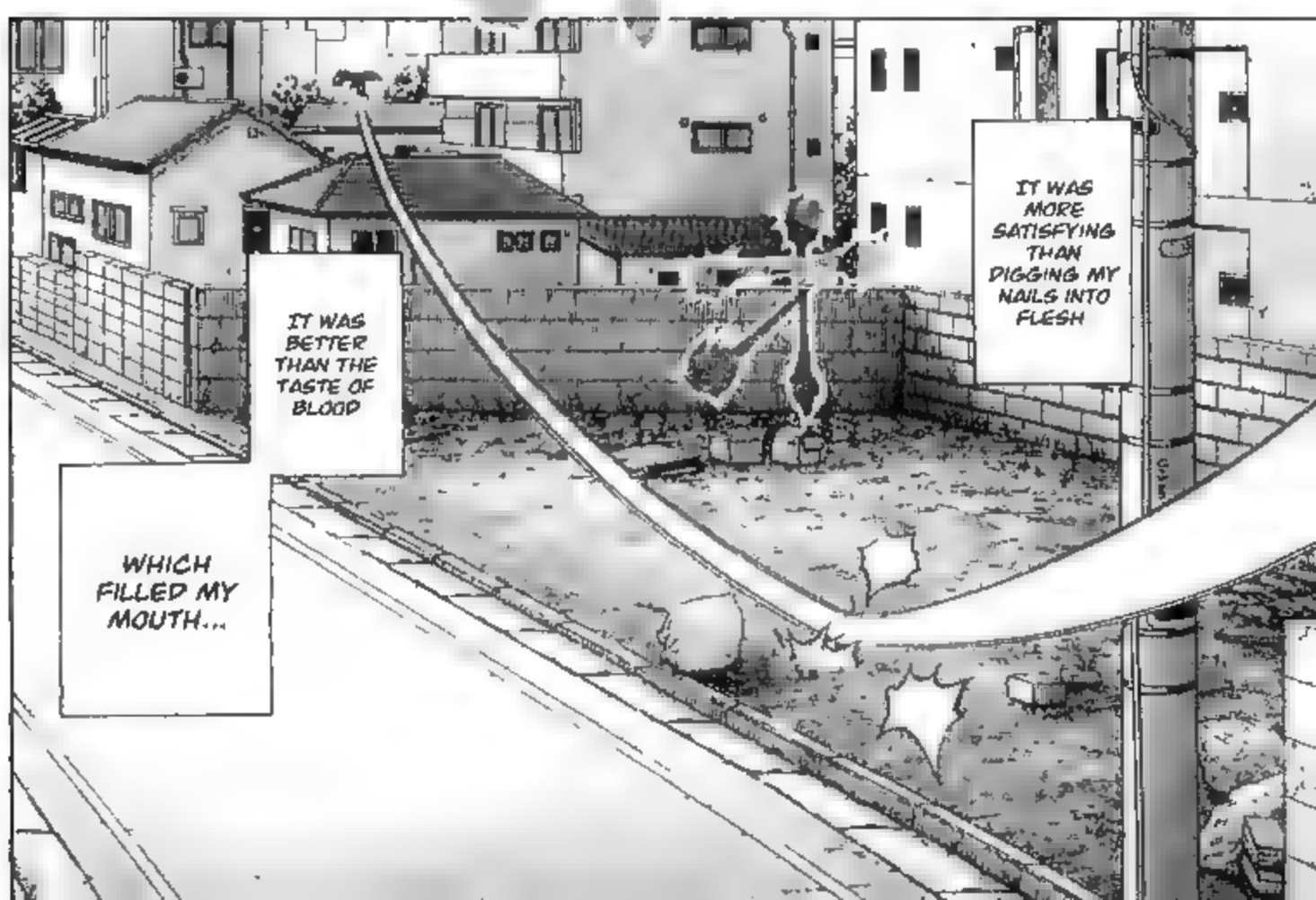
# Chapter 123: A Savage Existence

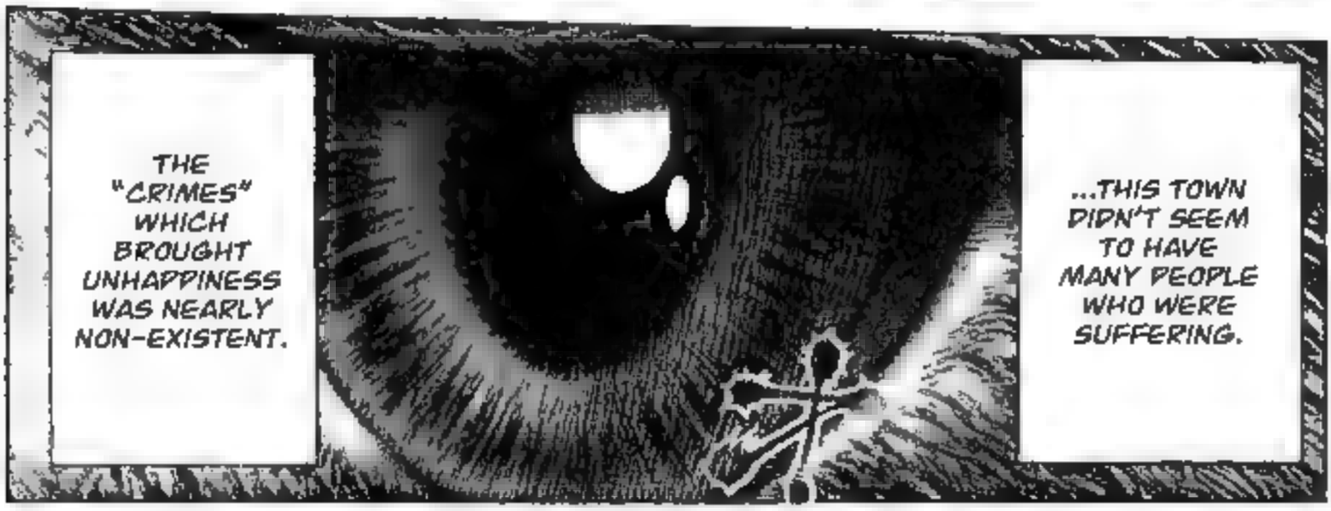
THERE WAS ONE INCIDENT, INGRAINED INTO MY MIND, WHICH STRONGLY FULFILLED MY WILD NATURE.
NUMEROUS EXPERIENCES THROUGHOUT MY LIFE HAVE MADE ME USE ALL FIVE OF MY SENSES.

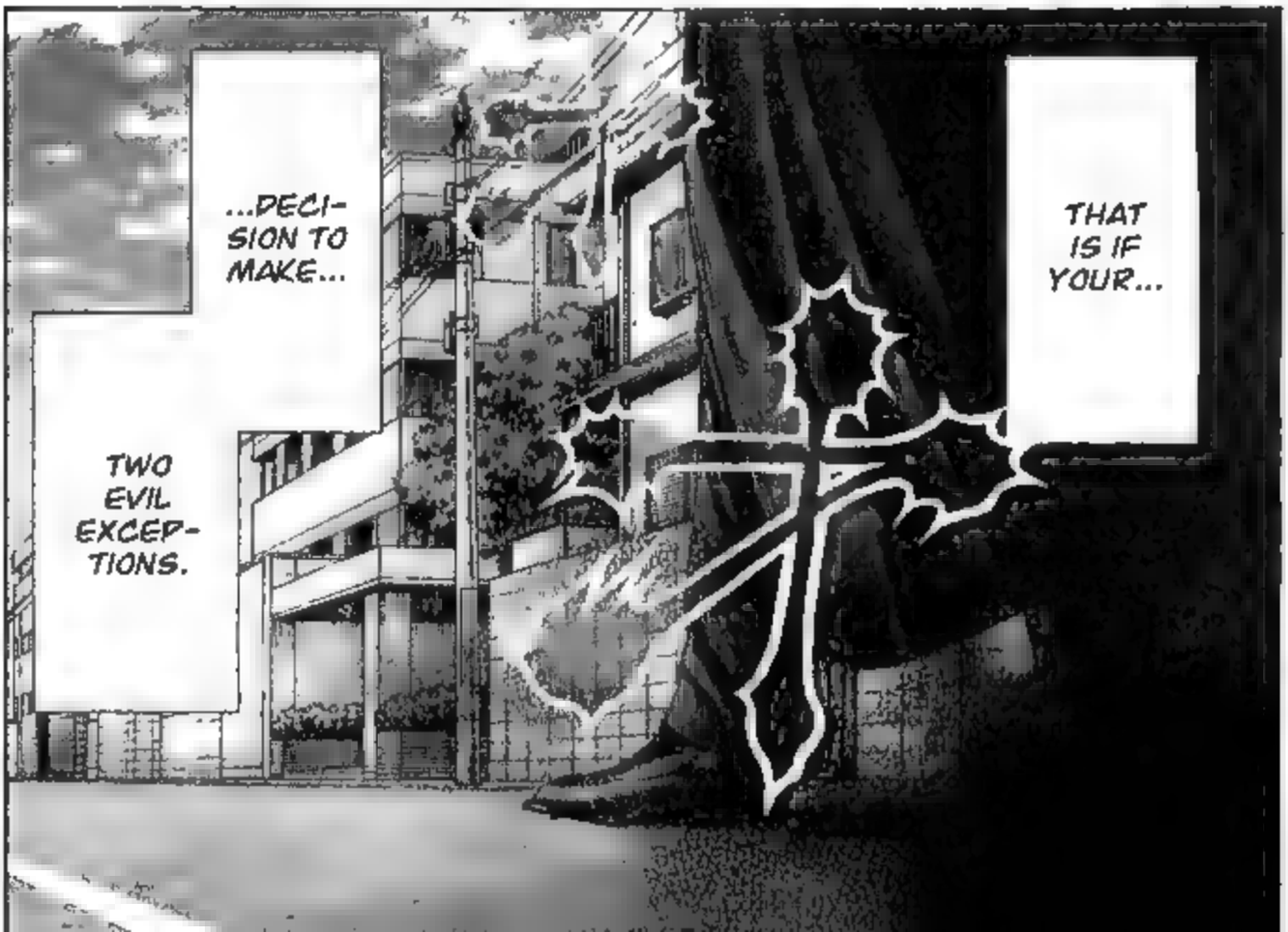

IT WAS BETTER THAN THE TASTE OF BLOOD
IT WAS MORE SATISFYING THAN DIGGING MY NAILS INTO FLESH
WHICH FILLED MY MOUTH...

AND THAT TOWN WAS DOMINATED...
IT WAS SOMETHING THAT MADE MY HEART DANCE WITH JOY.
...BY AN EXISTENCE THAT WAS THE MOST WELL-BALANCED BEING I'VE EVER SEEN...
IT HAPP-ENED RIGHT AROUND THE PASSING OF THE YEAR
WELL... IF YOU ASK ME THAT IS.

YET, STILL. .
INDEED, IT WAS WELL-BALANCED.
THE AMOUNT OF WEAK-LINGS WHO COULDN'T MAKE IT IN SOCIETY...

HUMAN EMOTIONS THAT OVER-FLOWED WITH LIFE...


THE "CRIMES" WHICH BROUGHT UNHAPPINESS WAS NEARLY NON-EXISTENT.
...THIS TOWN DIDN'T SEEM TO HAVE MANY PEOPLE WHO WERE SUFFERING.


TWO EVIL EXCEP-TIONS.
...DECI-SION TO MAKE...
THAT IS IF YOUR...

DRUG TRAFFICKING AND SWINDLING...
IN ADDITION TO THAT, THEY'RE DEMANDING A "PROTECTION FEE" FROM THE RESIDENTS.

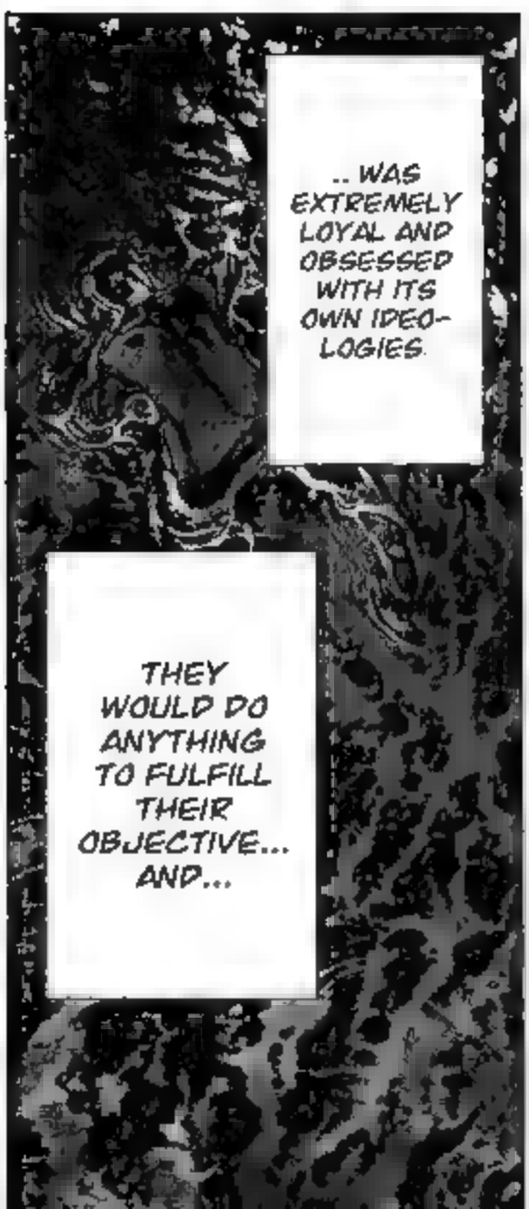
IT'S STILL TOO EARLY TO ENGAGE IN A BATTLE.
IT'S SAFE TO ASSUME THAT THE YOUNG HEAD, KANEJOU, SEEMS TO BE INSTRUCTING THEM.
THE METHODS THAT THE OBANA CLAN USE SEEM TO BE DARING YET CAREFUL.

THE OBANA CLAN DOESN'T SEEM TO LISTEN TO OUR WARNINGS.

.....
WHAT SHOULD WE DO? THEY DON'T HAVE A BIG SHOT BACKING THEM UP.. SHALL WE CRUSH THEM?

ANYONE OTHER THAN THE LEADER IS LIKE THE ERASER ON A LEAD PENCIL...
LEAD PENCIL...? IN OTHER WORDS, THEY'RE USE-LESS?
THAT MEANS WE JUST NEED TO CONVINCE THE YOUNG LEADER.

PUT HIM UNDER 24 HOUR SURVEIL-LANCE.
WHEN HE'S MEETING A WOMAN... WHEN HE'S WITH HIS FAMILY... WHEN HE'S ALONE..
FIND ANY AND ALL OF HIS WEAKNES-SES...
THEN HAVE HIM UNDERSTAND WHO WE ARE.

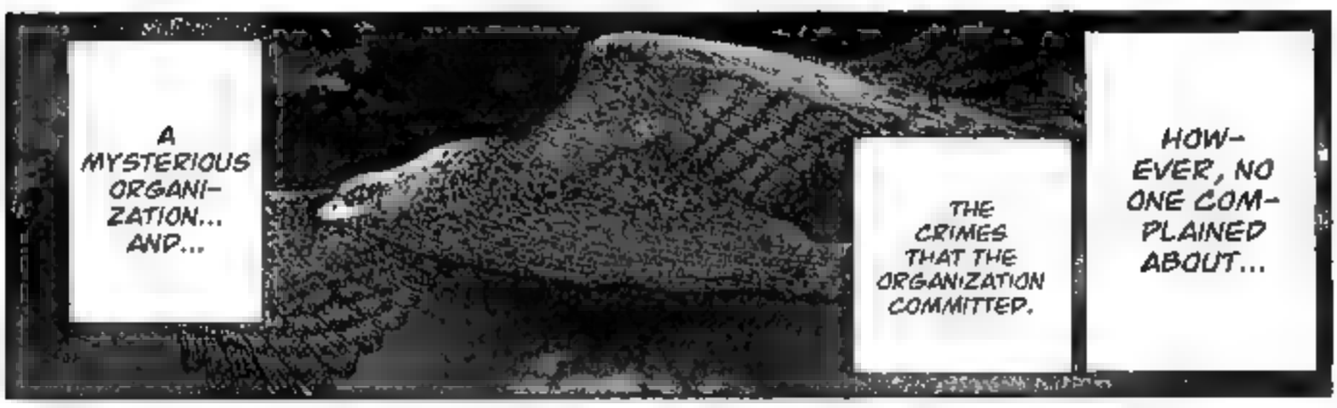

...WAS EXTREMELY LOYAL AND OBSESSED WITH ITS OWN IDEO-LOGIES.
THEY WOULD DO ANYTHING TO FULFILL THEIR OBJECTIVE... AND...

...MAKE HIM INTO A HUMAN BUOY.
The clan will disappear once their leader is gone.
THE ORGANI-ZATION...

WHOOSH
AND IF HE STILL REFUSES TO COM-PLY...

...THEN...

THEY WERE AT THE TOP OF THE FOOD CHAIN.
THE TOWN WAS COMPLETELY DOMINATED.
...BY USING THIS VIOLENCE, THEY CONTROLLED THE CRIMES OCCURRING IN THIS TOWN.


A MYSTERIOUS ORGANI-ZATION... AND...
THE CRIMES THAT THE ORGANIZATION COMMITTED.
HOW-EVER, NO ONE COM-PLAINED ABOUT...

STAND.
THEY...
FLAP
THEY... ARE...
TH...
...THERE WAS ONE LAWLESS GUY WHO WAS OBLITERATED BY THEM. HE SAID SOME-THING QUITE INTERESTING.
APPAREN-TLY WORE THE SAME CLOTHES AS ME.
THEY MISLED ME...OR TRIED TO MYSTIFY ME...
FLAP
UGH

STAND
UP
COLLARS...

IN THEIR WORLD... IT SEEMS RARE FOR A PERSON TO TURN OUT THIS WAY IN A MERE 16 YEARS.
16 YEARS SINCE THE ORGANIZATION WAS FORMED THEY NEVER CHANGED THEIR APPEARANCES.
THEY SEEMED TO NOT BE SWAYED BY TIME.
I GAVE UP CHASING MEAT AND DECIDED TO OBSERVE THEIR EVERY MOVE... HOWEVER, AS I SAID BEFORE...
...THEY WERE AN EXISTENCE ABOVE THAT.
THEY'RE NOT THOSE RECKLESS VIOLENT GROUPS... IN FACT...
THE SECOND FACTOR IS MORE INTRI-GUING.
FOR THIS TOWN HAS ONE MORE...
Grab
THIS IS BUT ONLY ONE OF TWO FACTORS.

...ORGA-
NIZATION
MUCH LIKE
THE FIRST
ONE...

...DOMINATION AND LEADERSHIP...
...ALL SEEMED TO BE THE SAME IN MY EYES.
THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS' AGE, POLICIES...
AND BECAUSE THEY HAD TOO MANY THINGS IN COMMON... AN INCIDENT OCCURRED.
THEIR IDEAS WERE THE SAME... THEIR ENEMIES WERE THE SAME...
MALES IN ANY SOCIETY ARE QUITE SIMPLE BEINGS...
THERE WAS NO REASON TO FIGHT... FOR THEY PURSUED THE SAME GOAL.

AND...

..ARE DIFFI-CULT TO UNDER-STAND.
THAT NIGHT, THEIR LIVES CLASHED AGAINST EACH OTHER FOR THE FIRST TIME.

THE OUTCOME WAS SEEN BY THREE BEASTS, INCLUDING MYSELF.
THE BATTLE PIERCED MY WILD HEART.


AND WHAT COULD THEY POSSIBLY BE DOING.
WHERE ARE THEY...
THE BATTLE STILL MAKES MY HEART DANCE.

THAT YOUR DOING?
WHAT DID YOU DO, NANPOU... WAS. .
...AND IF SO, WHAT...

THE MEETING PLACE IS...
OVER-SEER
THEY'LL BE IN ■TIME SHORTLY
.....
TWO PLAYERS HAVE STUMBLED UPON EACH OTHER
.....
...ES.
E5

...BUT THE HOWL-ING, WILD WOLF.
...ISN'T THE YOUNG, CLEVER PIGLET...
LISTEN UP, YOUNG'UN.
THE VICTOR IN THIS SITUA-TION...

WE'LL HAVE BOTH OF YOU...
...INDIVI-DUALLY PRESENT YOUR MP TO US.
...NANPOU?
WHAT'S YOUR AIM

Chapter 124:
Entering M Time!

NOW THEN..
HOW-EVER, WE WILL ONLY GIVE YOU A MINUTE TO REACH YOUR DE-CISION
PLEASE NOTIFY US ONCE YOU'VE DECIDED ON THE AMOUNT OF MP THAT YOU WANT TO USE.
WE ARE USING A DIFFERENT CONTACT LINE FOR EACH PLAYER.

.....
Please start thinking.

10...

IN 10 SECONDS,
I'LL CRUSH YOUR ARMS AND LEGS.

I'LL TWIST THEM IN UNTHINKABLE WAYS.
IT WON'T EVEN TAKE ME A SECOND TO CATCH YOU...
SO IT'S NO USE RUNNING.
ONCE YOU'VE BEEN GRABBED BY ME, YOU'LL INSTINCTIVELY FEEL IT...
AH!
AGH.
"WHAT... THIS STRENGTH... HOW... I'M DONE FOR... I'LL DIE..." THAT IS WHAT YOU'LL THINK.
THEN IN THE NEXT FEW SECONDS, YOU'LL IMAGINE THE PAIN YOU'LL FEEL AND YOUR FACE WILL DISTORT IN OVERWHELMING FEAR.
BUT REST ASSURED, YOU'RE MAKING A GRAVE MISTAKE.

I'LL DEFINITELY WIN AND WILL USE MY FULL 30 SECONDS TO KILL YOU. BE EXCITED.

I'LL DO SOMETHING MUCH MORE PAINFUL AND FAR BEYOND YOUR IMAGI-NATION.

NO... NOT YET.
.....
HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE DATA?

HEY.

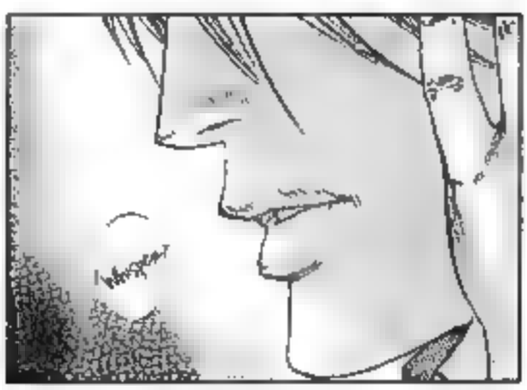
.....
I'LL DEFINITELY
.. SHUT DOWN WHATEVER HE PLANS TO DO.

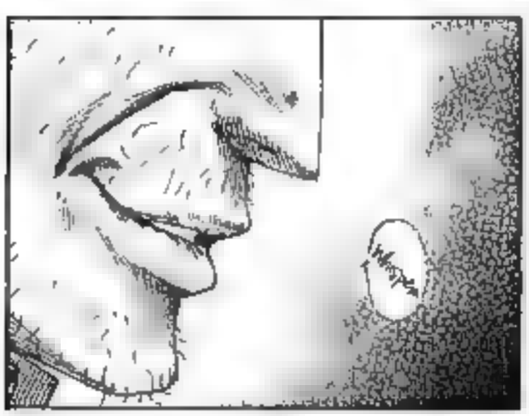
UM...
OVERSEER KADOKURA...
Silence
DON'T WORRY

IS EVERYONE IN THEIR POSITIONS?
YES.
...WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE ON STANDBY...
...TO IMMEDIATELY ENTER THE LABYRINTH AND SUBDUE THE PLAYER.
IF A PLAYER GETS OUT OF CONTROL OR BREAKS THE RULES...
IT TAKES A MINUTE FROM HERE TO THE LABYRINTH ROOM.
SURELY THESE PRECAU-TIONS ARE ENOUGH.

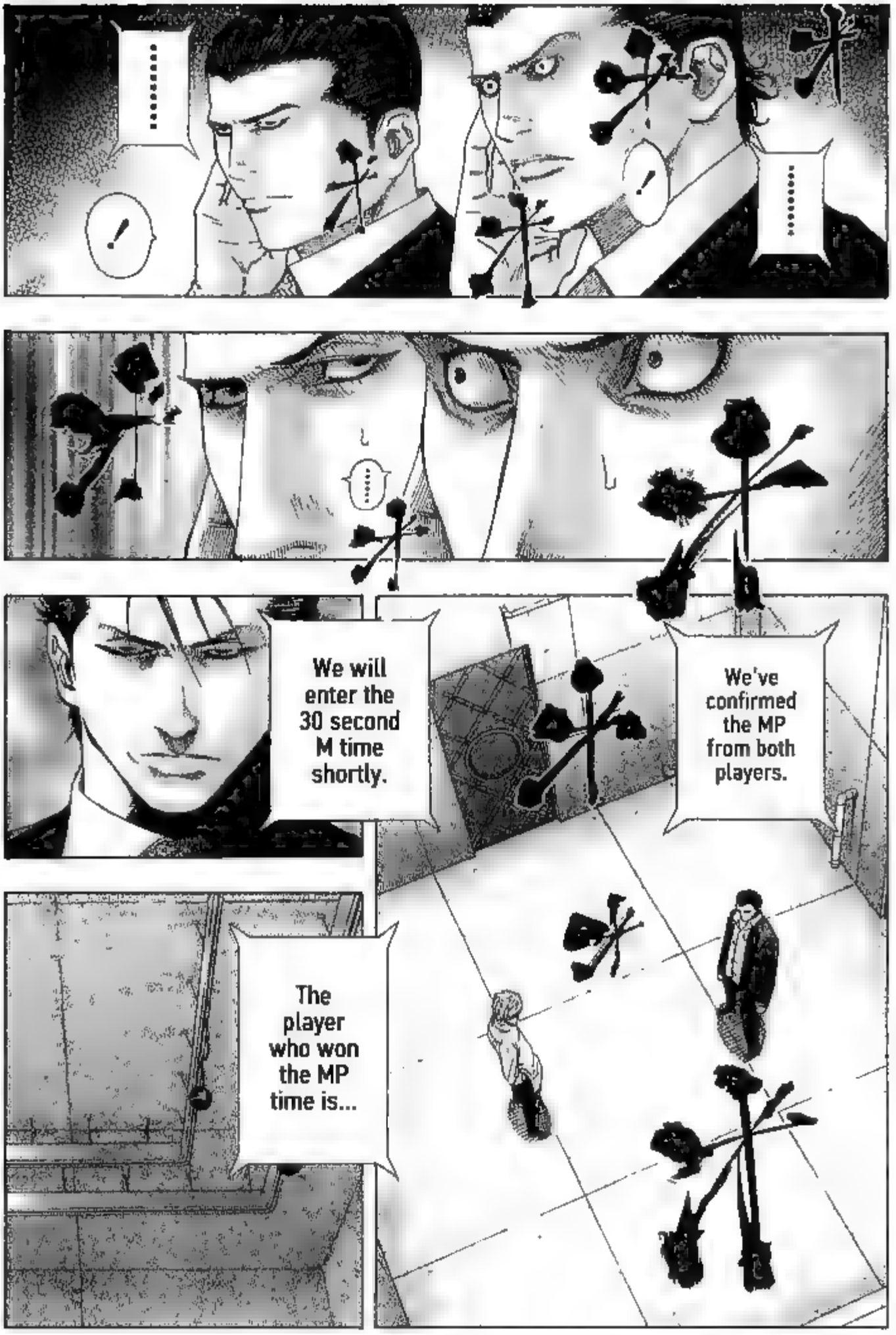
THIS IS HIS MP.
.....
IF THEY BOTH USE THEIR MP, WHO WILL WIN?
WAIT A SECOND.
LET ME SEE WHAT MINOWA'S TOTAL MP IS.
Madaram MP
Minowa MP
.....
Madara MP
Minowa MP

IS MP
I KNEW FROM THE BEGIN-NING
IF USOGUI WINS, MINOWA WON'T DIE... BUT IF MINOWA WINS...
..USOGUI WILL DIE.




Hmmm

WITH THIS GAMBLE . USOGUI CAN-NOT AFFORD TO LOSE AGAINST ANY ENEMY PLAYERS
HE MUST WIN EVERY SINGLE BATTLE HE FACES.
IT'S TIME PLEASE TELL US HOW MUCH MP YOU WILL USE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We've confirmed the MP from both players.
We will enter the 30 second M time shortly.
The player who won the MP time is...

Madarame
Baku-sama.
M time
has
begun.

WHOOPS
HEHE...
HE...
HM!!
...SURE ARE DESPERATE.
YOU...
Miss

OF COURSE YOU WOULD TRY TO WIN.
OF COURSE YOU WOULD WANT TO INJURE YOUR OPPONENT
WELL I GUESS SO.
YOU HAVE A WEAK BODY AND YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE.
AH.

!
.....
...TO BE DESPERATE.
IT'S ONLY NATURAL...

I'M NOT ASKING FOR THE TOTAL MP
I'M ASKING YOU TO TELL ME THE AMOUNT OF MP HE USED
Baku-sama,
Baku-sama.
I cannot tell you an enemy player's MP.
NO.
?
Tell me.
TELL ME HIS MP.
HIS MP.

...THE OPPONENT'S REMAINING MP OR USED MP.
..THAT'S THE SAME THING. I CAN-NOT TELL YOU. .

1MP
It shouldn't affect the game that much. Tell me.
That wasn't in the rules.
.....

.....
DON'T BE SO DIFFI-CULT.
HEH.
HEY, YOUNG ONE, DON'T DO THAT.
linowa
MP ⫴⫴⫴⫴
Used MP: 1MP

USED MP SHOULDN'T BE REVEALED. ANYONE WOULD NORMALLY THINK SO.
AT LEAST THAT'S HOW I UNDERSTOOD IT.
You sound like a difficult customer
YOU'RE RIGHT; THEY DIDN'T DISCUSS REVEALING AN OPPONENT'S MP IN THE INSTRUCTIONS.
BUT THEY DIDN'T INCLUDE IT SIMPLY BECAUSE IT WAS SO OBVIOUS, THAT IT WAS UNNECESSARY.
HM.
M time is over.
OH.
MAAAN, SEE WHAT I MEAN?
WHAT A WASTE.
ANYWAYS, ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO LEAVE ME ALONE IN YOUR M TIME?
Crack
WELL, GOOD LUCK EARNING THEM... I'LL...
HEHE
These benevolent overseers are fair.
It's possible for each player to earn the same amount of MP.

... DEFINITELY USE ALL MY MP THE NEXT TIME WE MEET.

AND THEN, I'LL MAKE MY THREATS A REALITY.

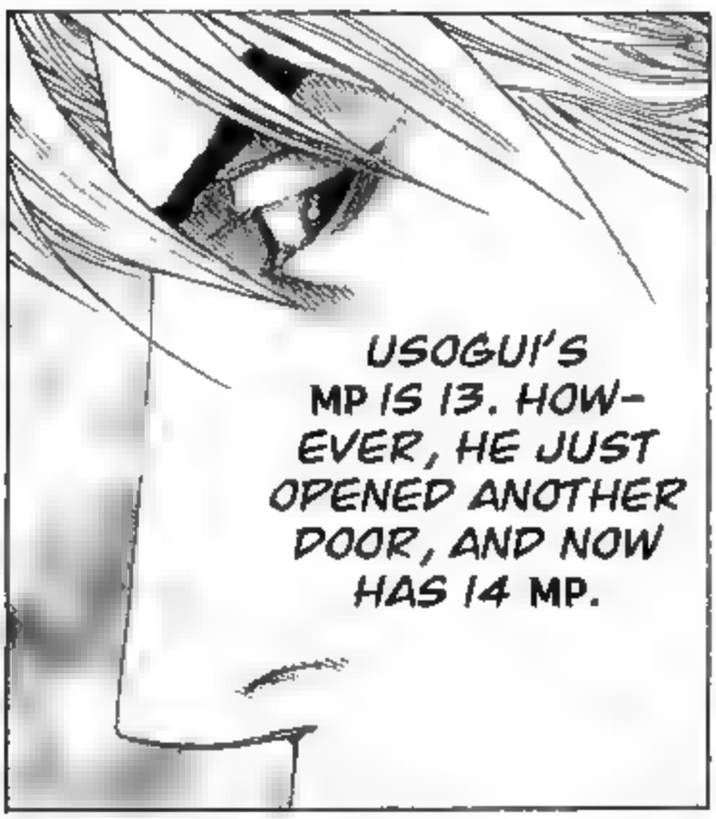
MINOWA FIRST INTI-MIDATED HIS OPPONENT BY LETTING OFF A MURDEROUS INTENT.
THEN HE USED THE LEAST AMOUNT OF MP, 1 MP, AND MADE USOGUI DEPLETE ALL OF HIS MP.

MINOWA KNEW HE COULDN'T WIN IN A GAMBLE SO HE USED THIS PLAN
IT'S SIMPLE YET EFFECTIVE . BUT

IF HE KNEW THAT BOTH HE AND USOGUI BOTH HAD A TOTAL OF 15 MP, THEN...
BUT...
.. IT WAS DUE TO AMAKO'S ACTIONS...
WHAT A STRONG HEART HE HAS.

...2 MP.
THE AMOUNT OF MP HE USED WAS...
USOGUI...
AS I THOUGHT HE'S ..
HOW GODLIKE. HE WON BY A MERE 1 MP... EVEN IF THIS IS HIS SPECIALTY AND HE WAS ABLE TO READ MINOWA'S TRAIN OF THOUGHT... AGAINST SUCH AN OPPONENT...
...A MONSTER.

# Chapter 125: A pure fight



JUST AS I THOUGHT, THIS LABY-RINTH
ONLY HAS ONE ROUTE... THERE ARE NO DEAD ENDS.
I SORT OF UNDER-STAND NOW.
CLACK
USOGUI WAS EAGER TO GO BACK A ROOM, BUT HE DECIDED TO MOVE FORWARD...
THE ROOM WHERE ALL OF THE DOORS WERE LOCKED...
A ONE-WAY PATH!...
IS THE MOST LIKELY POSSIBILITY.
IN OTHER WORDS, THIS LABY-RINTH...
AND SO HE CHOSE THE DOOR THAT WAS LOCKED ON HIS FIRST TURN.

...EVEN IF THE CURRENT ROOM ONLY HAD LOCKED DOORS... IF THIS THEORY WAS CORRECT...
HAD DOORS THAT COULD BE OPENED FROM THE OPPOSITE ROOM,
I HAVEN'T CONFIRMED THIS YET, BUT
TWICE... OR EVEN THREE TIMES.
IT MEANT THAT YOU CAN ENTER THE SAME ROOM IN THE LABYRINTH...
I'M BEGINNING TO SEE THE TRICK TO THIS LABYRINTH...
I'M ABOUT 80% CONFIDENT ABOUT IT

4 MP...
AMAKO HAS A TOTAL OF A MERE 4 MP.
WHILE ALL THE PLAYERS ARE STEADILY MOVING FORWARD..
ONE PERSON
...WILL BE LAGGING BEHIND.

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WITNESS KADOKURA.
IT'S E6.
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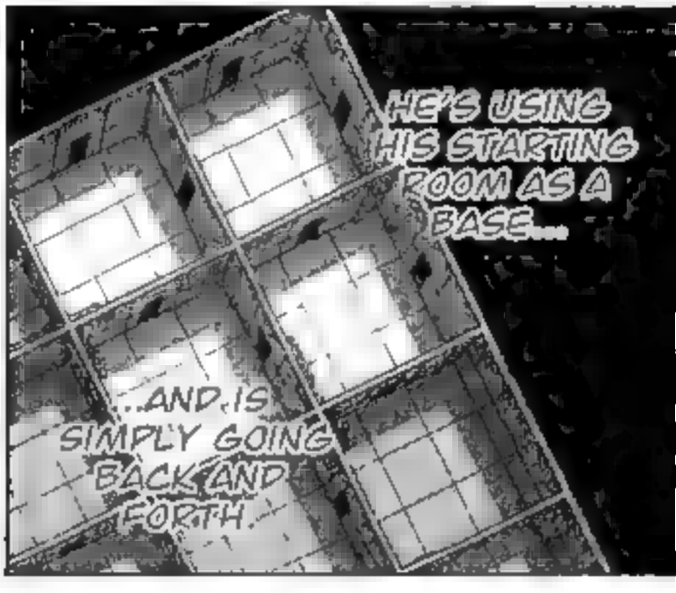
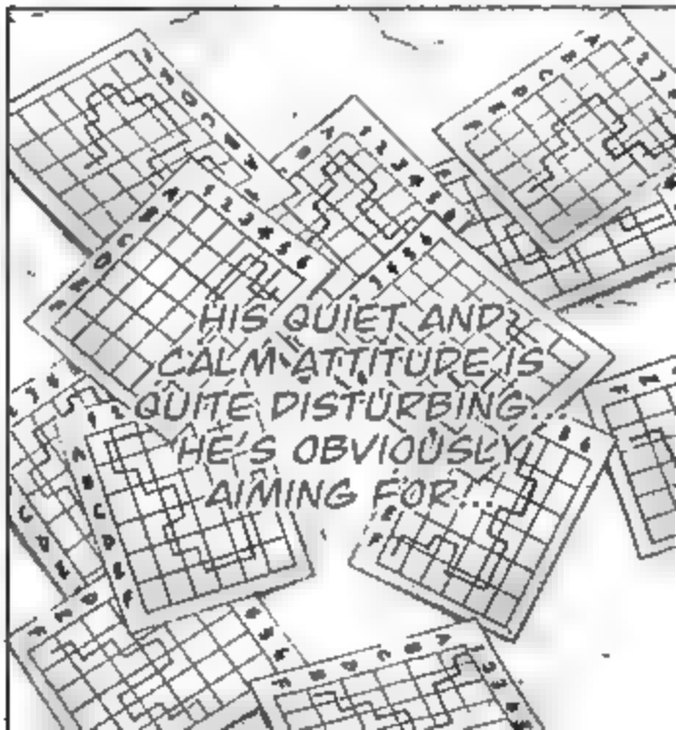
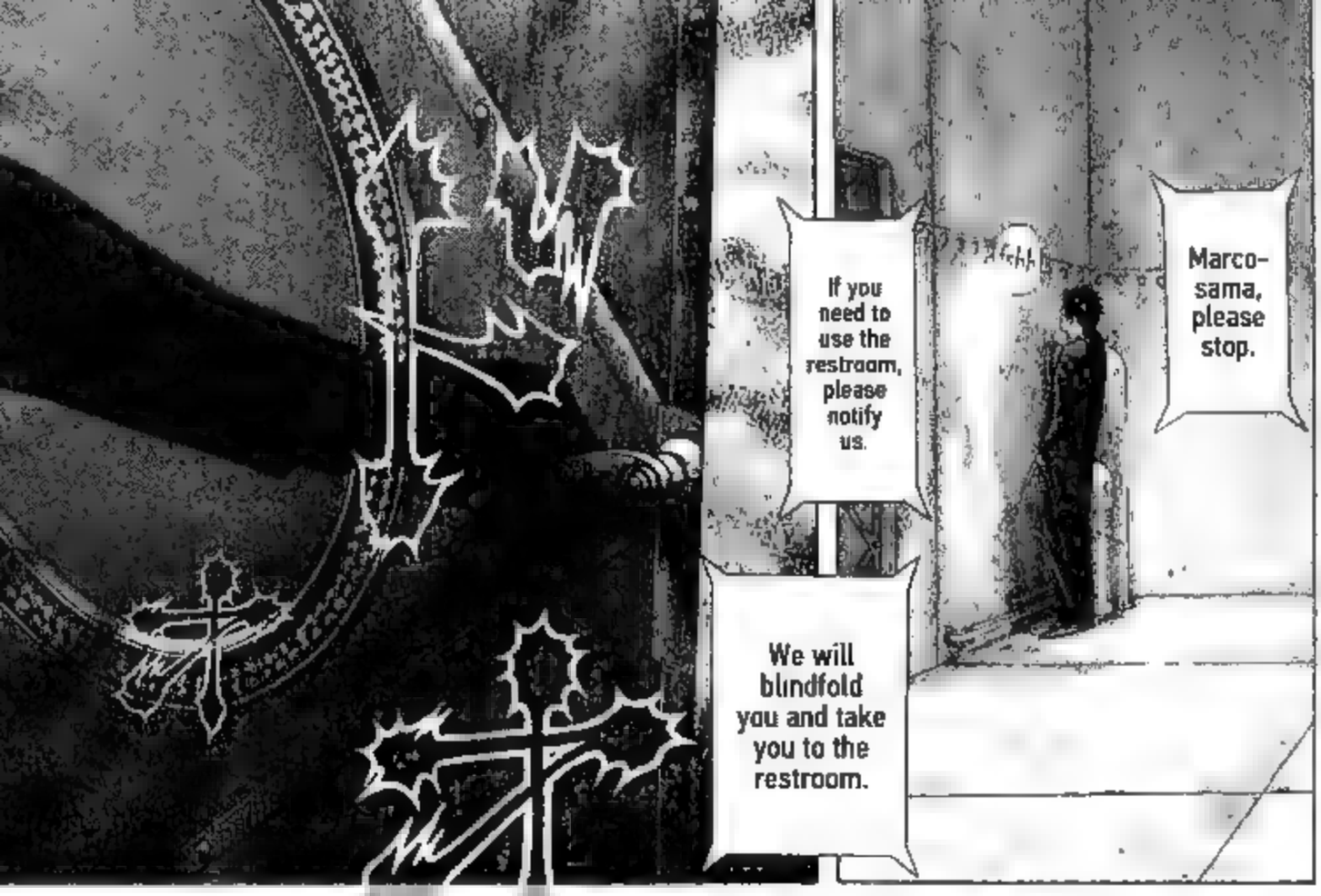
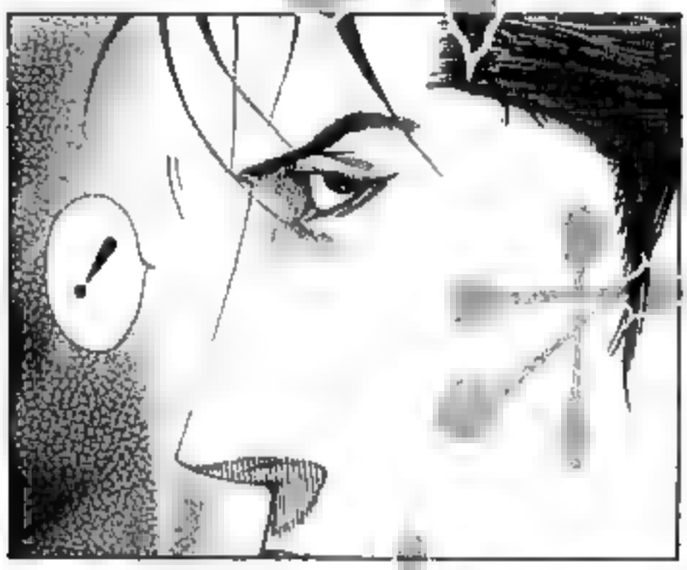

HE'S USING HIS STARTING ROOM AS A BASE...
..AND IS SIMPLY GOING BACK AND FORTH.


HIS QUIET AND CALM ATTITUDE IS QUITE DISTURBING...
HE'S OBVIOUSLY AIMING FOR...


We will blindfold you and take you to the restroom.
If you need to use the restroom, please notify us.
Marco-sama, please stop.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MARCO HAS MOVED FORWARD A LOT...
IS BAKU-NIICHAN OKAY..?

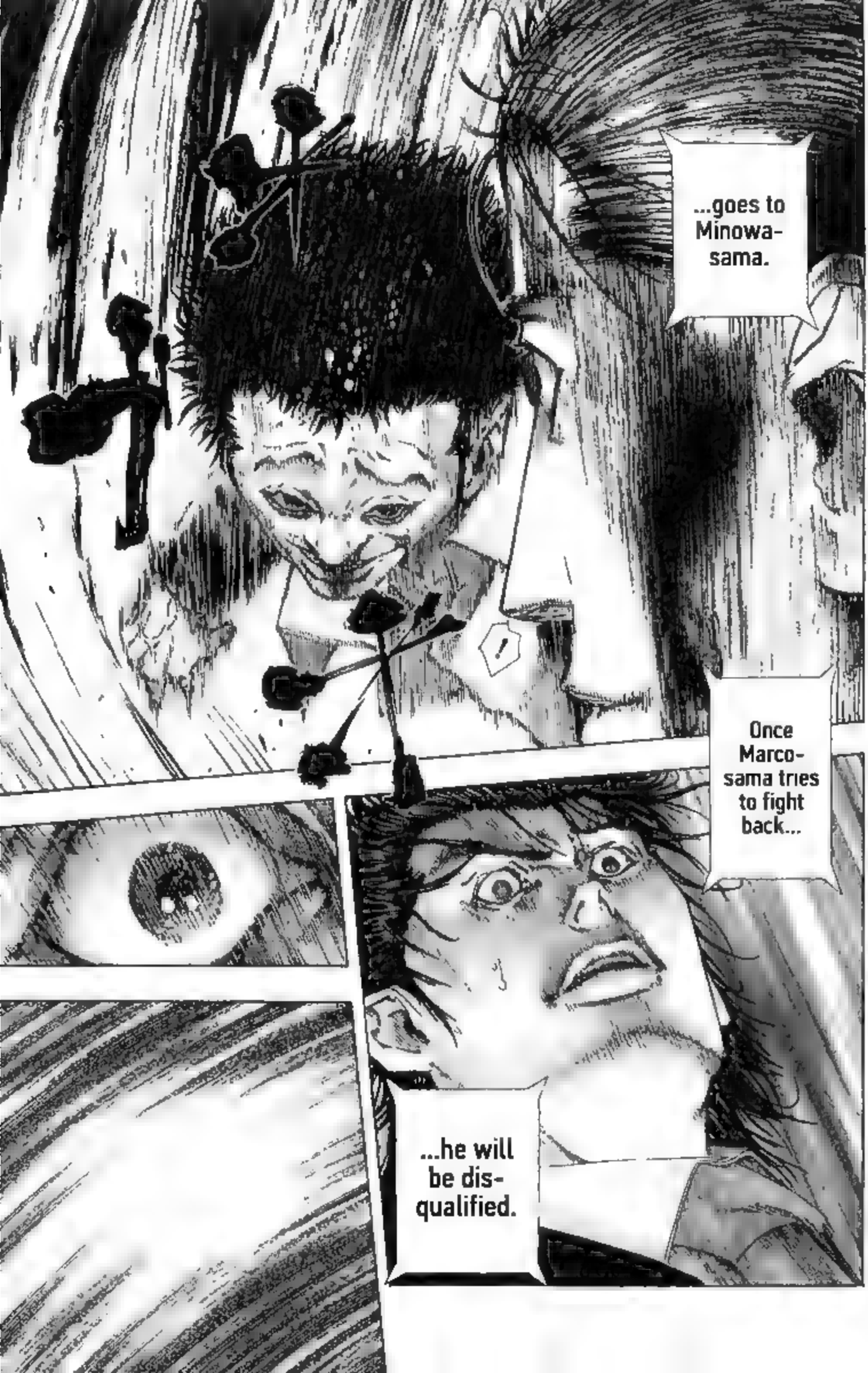
Marco-sama.

You have just encountered...
...an enemy player, Minowa-sama.

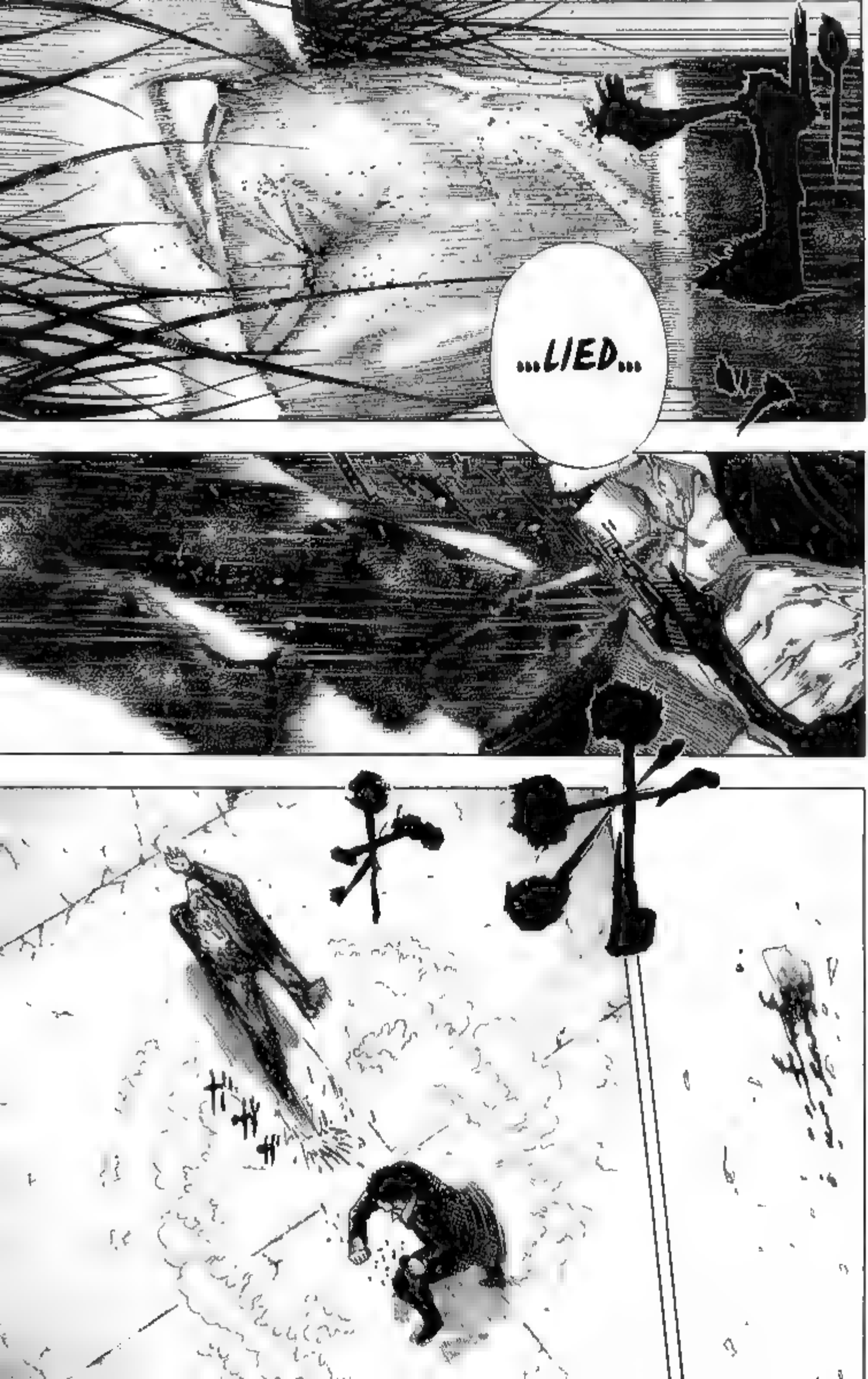
...MARCO-KUN...
HEHE... SO WE FINALLY MEET...
...ON THE AMOUNT OF MP TO USE, PLEASE NOTIFY US.
ONCE YOU TWO HAVE DECIDED...

WE'RE BOTH SKILLED AT FIGHTING... WHY DON'T WE JUST DROP THE WEIRD PSYCHOLOGICAL BETTING THING...
...AND EACH USE 1 MP. THAT WAY, WE CAN MAKE IT A TIE AND CAN BOTH FIGHT.
HMMM... HEY...
YOU KNOW WHAT, MARCO-KUN?

We have received the amount of MP used by each player...
You have 21 MP.
WHAT'S MARCO'S MP?
..YOU DON'T HAVE TO AGREE TO THIS.
IF YOU'RE SCARED OF THIS OLD MAN.
MARCO DEFINITELY HAS TO DEFEAT HIM... BUT I ALSO NEED HIM TO USE AS MUCH MP AS POSSIBLE...
This match...
YOU DON'T NEED TO CALCULATE ANYTHING...
TSK, CAN'T BE HELPED...
...MARCO WILL USE 10 MP. SO YOU USE 10 MP TOO.
OKAY .. BUT...
BY MARCO'S CALCULATIONS, THIS IS THE SAME AMOUNT OF MP.


...goes to Minowa-sama.
Once Marco-sama tries to fight back...
...he will be dis-qualified.

OH?
FREEZE
YOU...
PULL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AH!!
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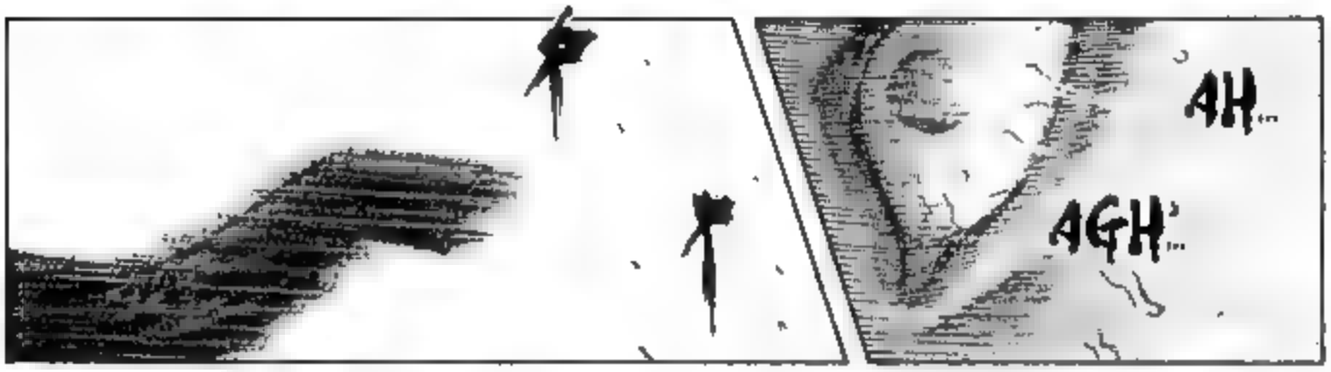
YOU...
LIAR...

SORRY... I GUESS I MISHEARD YOU...
CRACK
HM MM
HUUUH? IT WASN'T 11 MP???


AH...
AGH...

THIS POWER...
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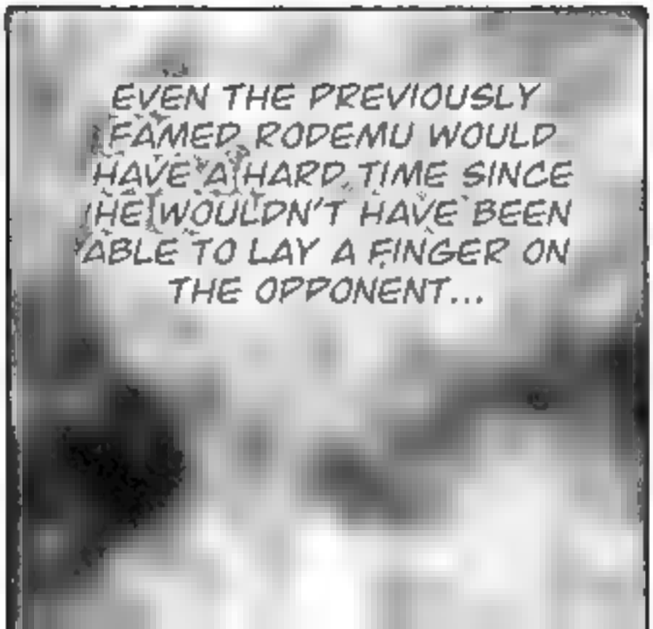
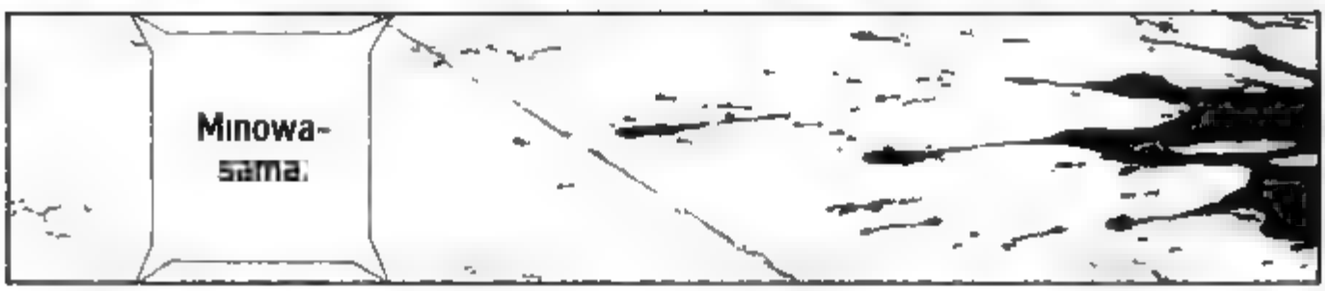
THIS UNEXPECTED AMOUNT OF VIOLENCE...

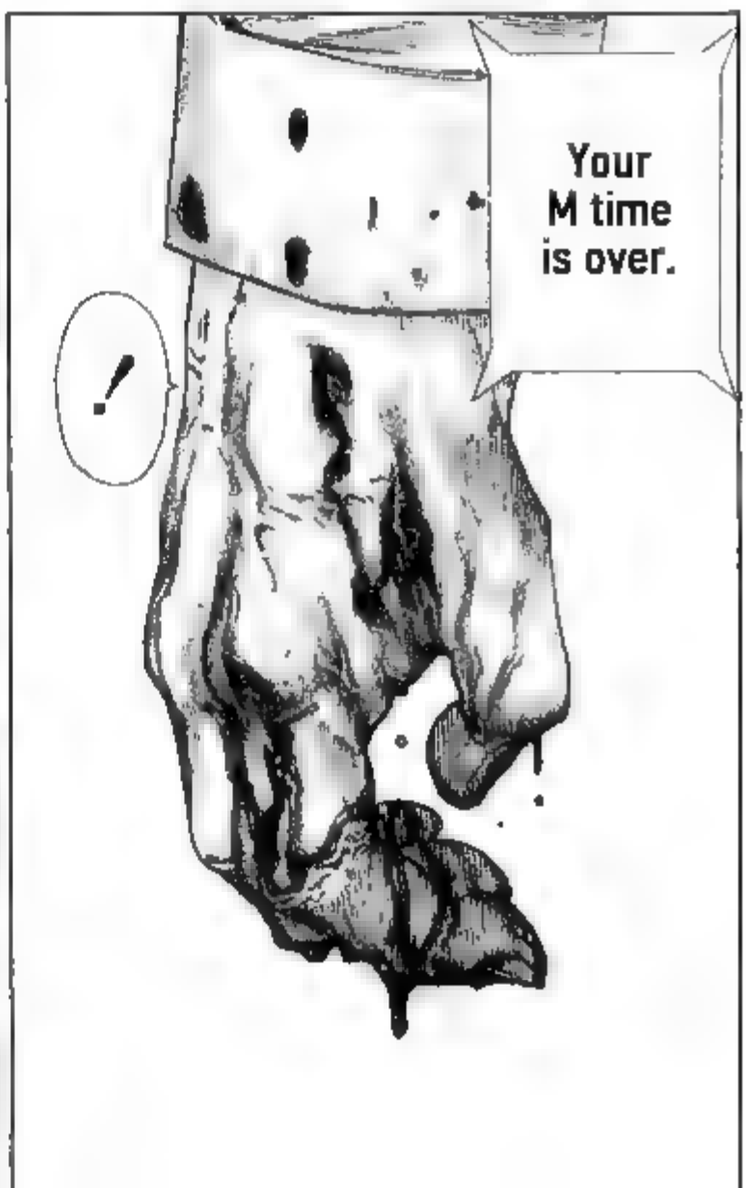

EVEN THE PREVIOUSLY FAMED RODEMU WOULD HAVE A HARD TIME SINCE HE WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO LAY A FINGER ON THE OPPONENT...

AFTER THIS M TIME IS OVER.
YES.
MARCO'S TRANSCEIVER MIGHT HAVE BEEN DESTR-OYED.
PREPARE A BACKUP IN THE ROOM NEXT TO THIS SO THAT IT CAN BE RE-PLACED...
CRACK
CRUSH
PUNCH


Minowa-sama.

HEH, HE'S GONE WITH THIS...

...I GET HIS REMAINING MP, DON'T I?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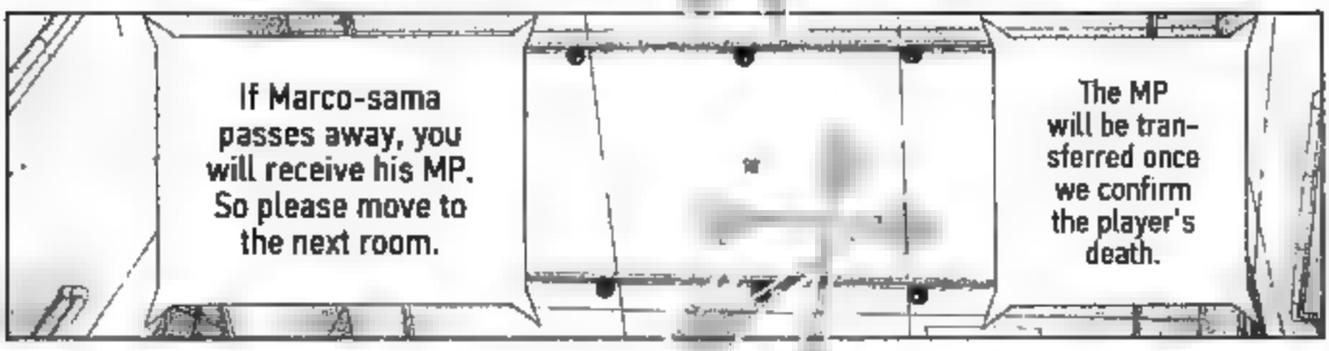
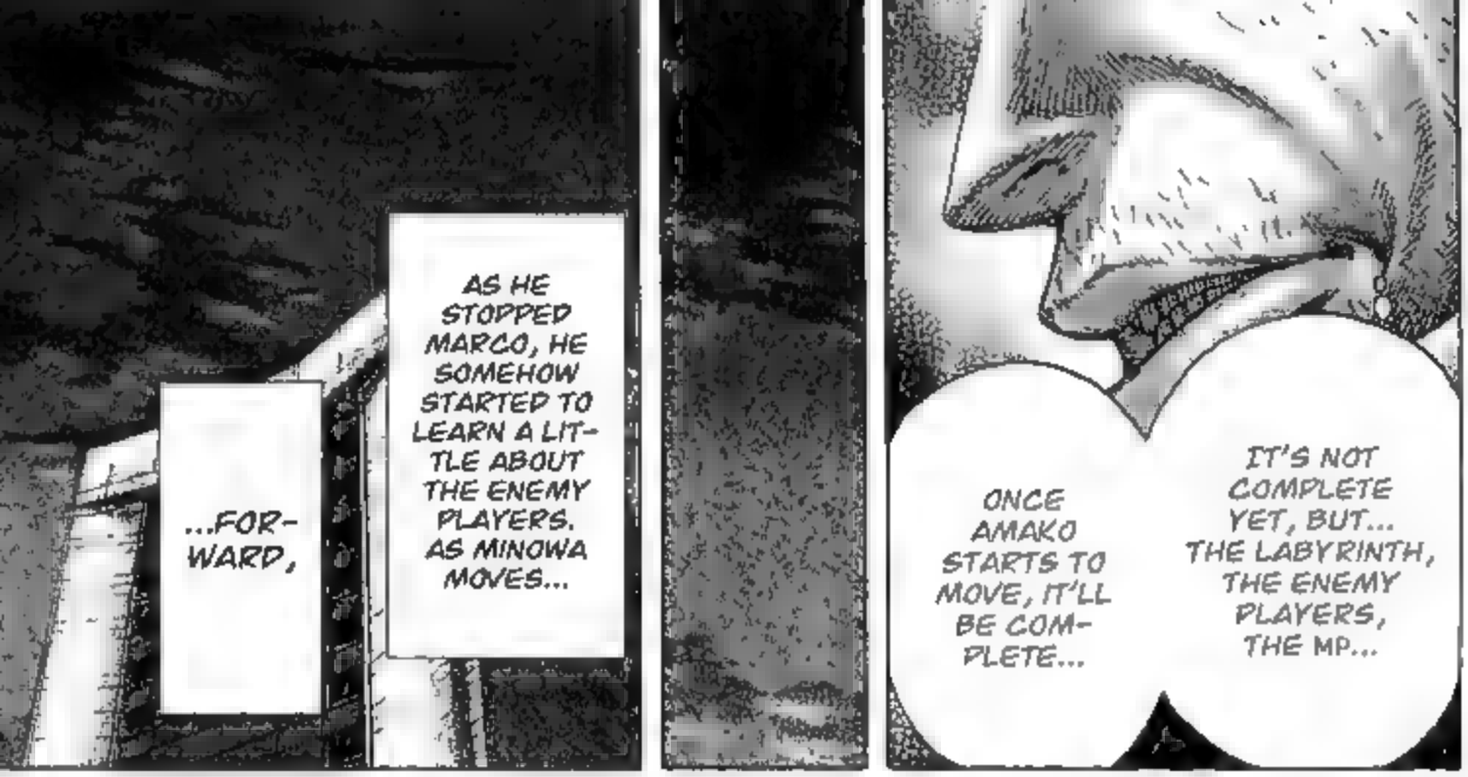
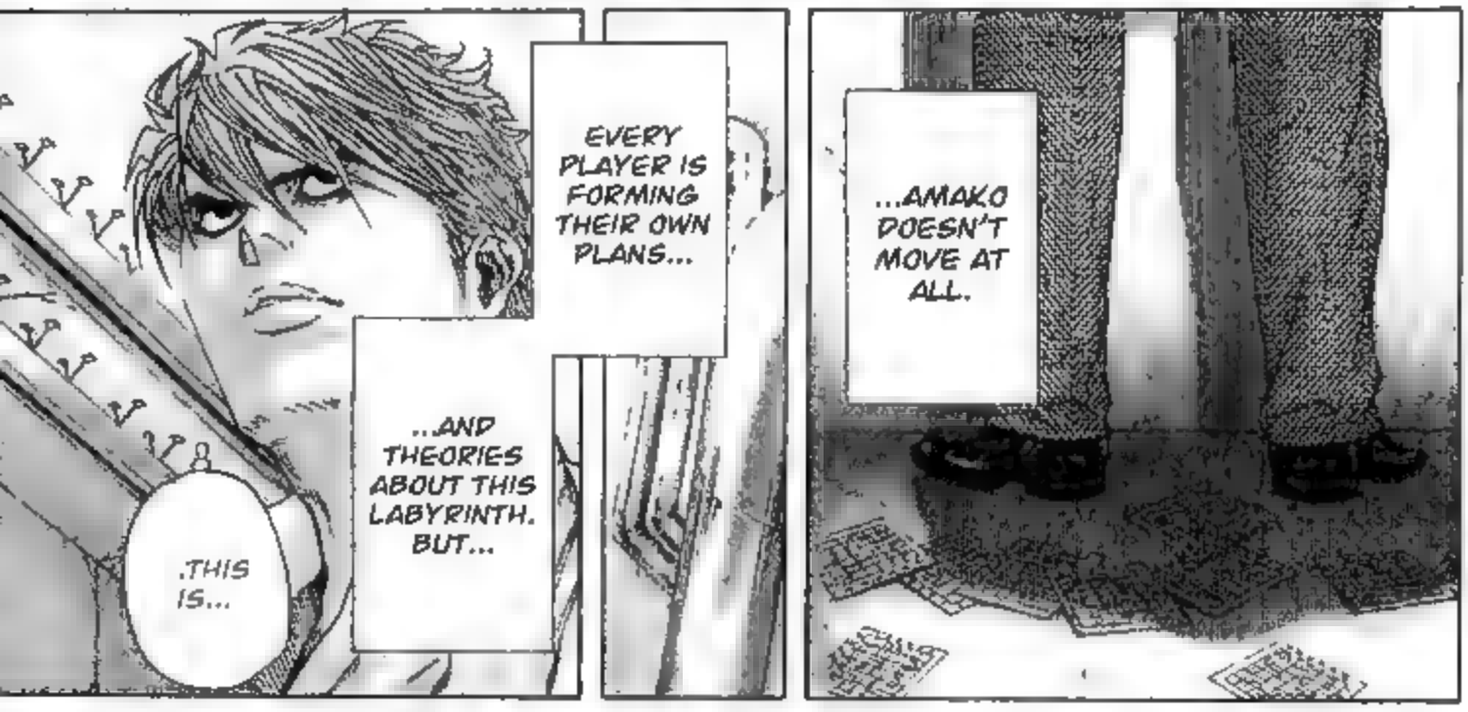
Your M time is over.

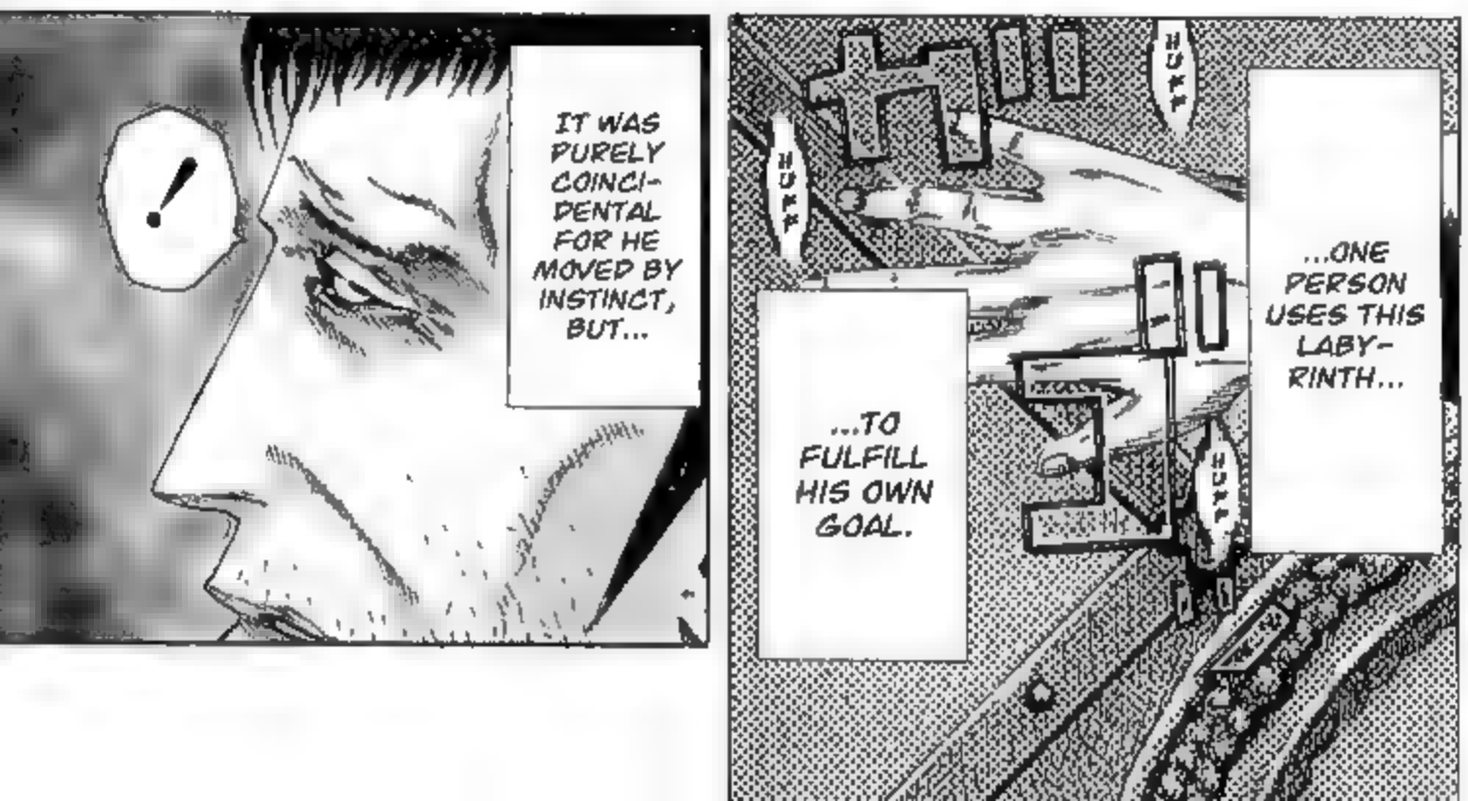

If Marco-sama passes away, you will receive his MP. So please move to the next room.
The MP will be transferred once we confirm the player's death.

HE HAD A TOTAL OF 21 MP AND USED 10, SO I'LL RECEIVE HIS REMAINING 11 MP...

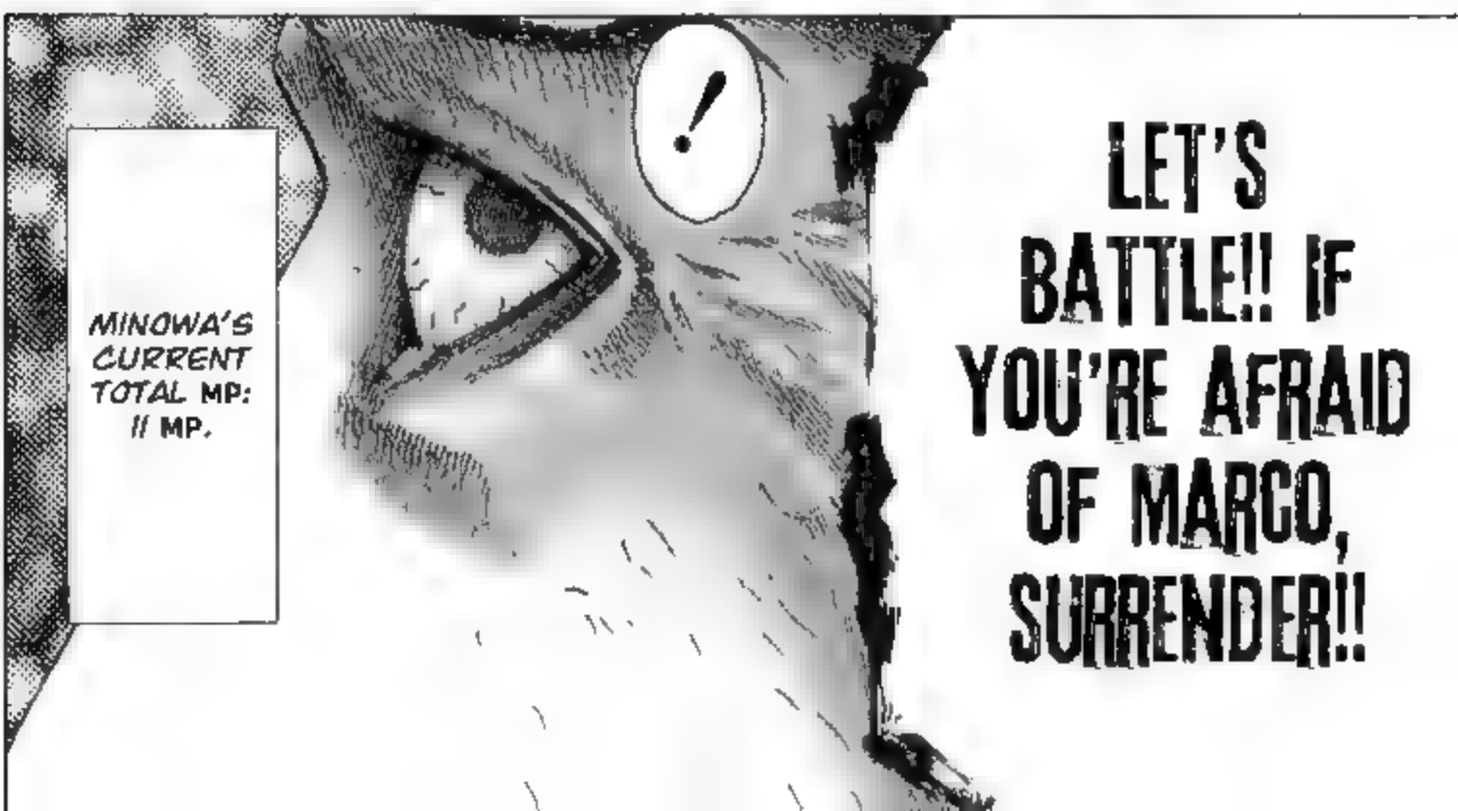
WHAT A PAIN
DAMN . I USED 11 MP AND ONLY HAVE 6 MP LEFT. .


...FOR-
WARD,
AS HE STOPPED MARCO, HE SOMEHOW STARTED TO LEARN A LITTLE ABOUT THE ENEMY PLAYERS. AS MINOWA MOVES...
ONCE AMAKO STARTS TO MOVE, IT'LL BE COMPLETE...
IT'S NOT COMPLETE YET, BUT... THE LABYRINTH, THE ENEMY PLAYERS, THE MP...


.THIS IS...
...AND THEORIES ABOUT THIS LABYRINTH. BUT...
EVERY PLAYER IS FORMING THEIR OWN PLANS...
...AMAKO DOESN'T MOVE AT ALL.


!
IT WAS PURELY COINCIDENTAL FOR HE MOVED BY INSTINCT, BUT...
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
...ONE PERSON USES THIS LABYRINTH...
...TO FULFILL HIS OWN GOAL.

HOW MUCH MP DOES MARCO HAVE?
HUFF
HUFF
Marco-sama, you haven't opened any new doors, so you still have 11 MP.
HUFF
MARCO WILL USE ALL OF HIS REMAINING MP!!


!
LET'S BATTLE!! IF YOU'RE AFRAID OF MARCO, SURRENDER!!
MINOWA'S CURRENT TOTAL MP: 11 MP.

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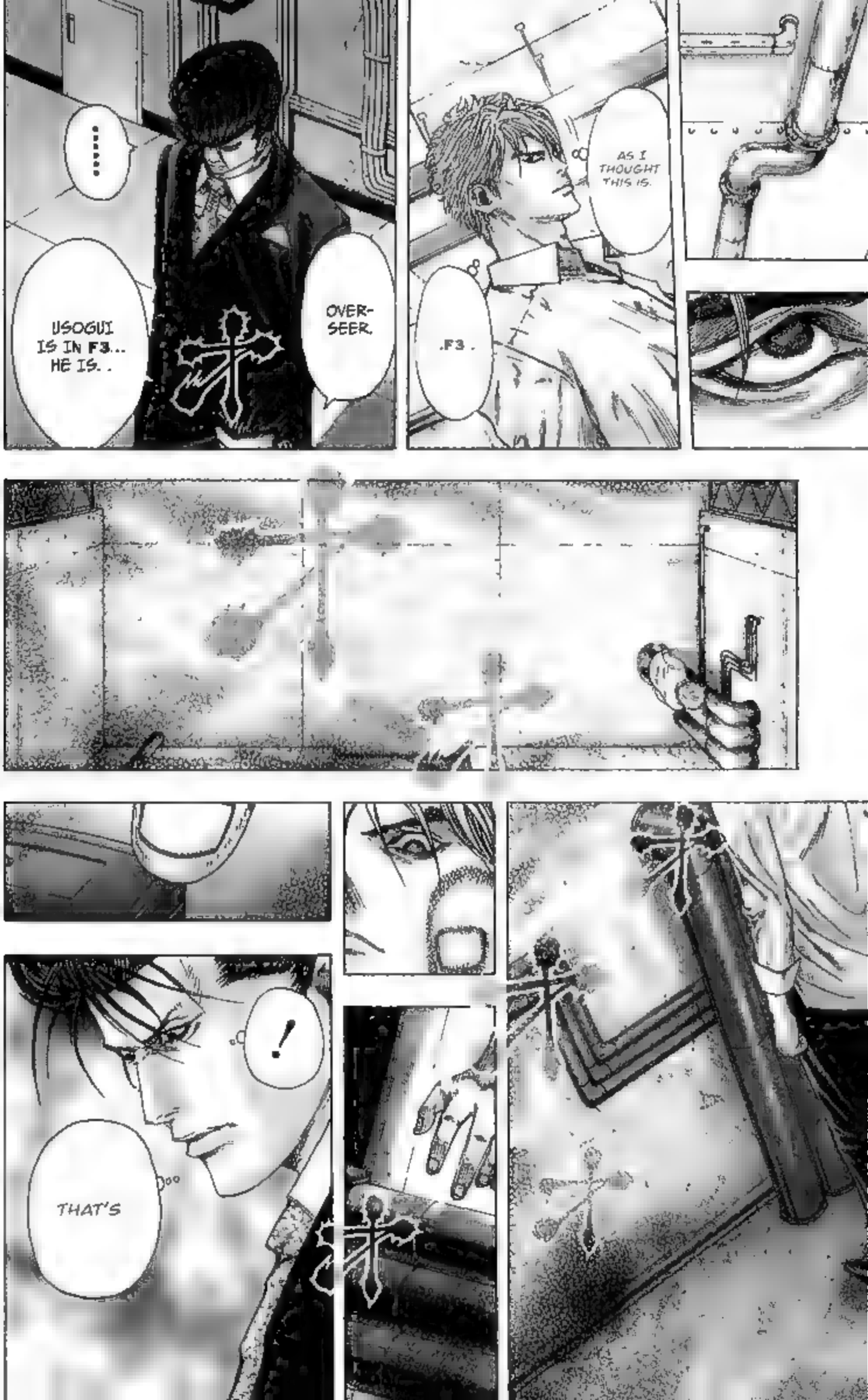
Intricate thoughts

THROW
FLAP

...RIGHT HERE.
.....
MARCO WILL DEFEAT YOU...

## Chapter 126:
## Intricate thoughts

You have just heard the amount of MP Marco-sama is going to use.
CURRENT TOTAL MP:
MARCO 11 MP
MINOWA 11 MP
...the amount of MP you have decided to use.
So Minowa-sama... Please tell us...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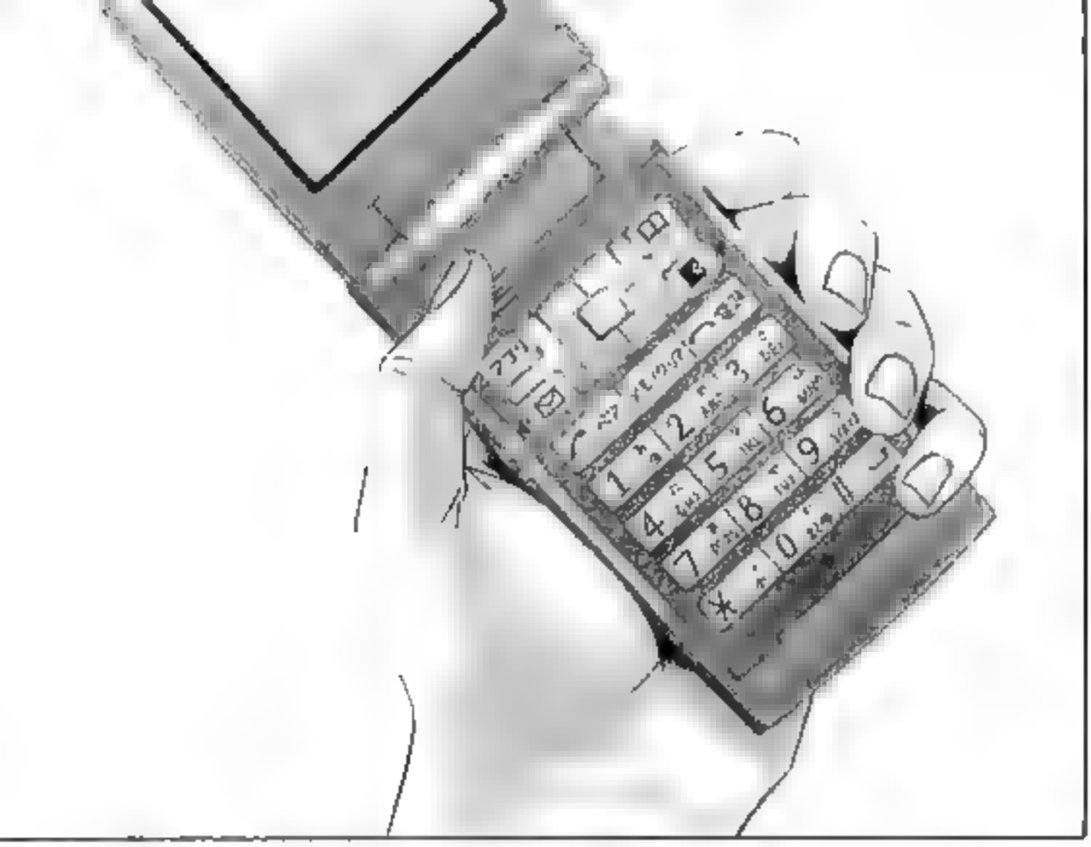
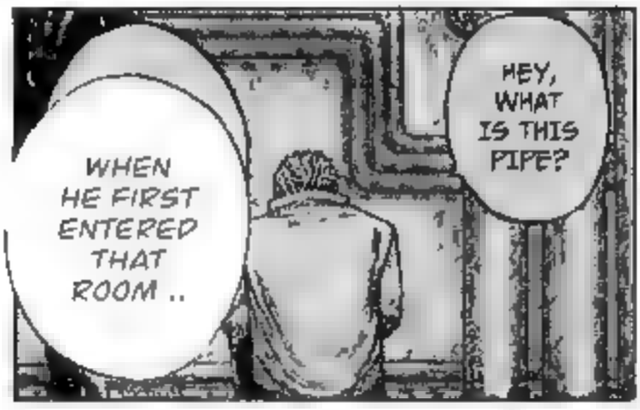
USOGUI IS IN F3... HE IS..
OVER-SEER.
AS I THOUGHT THIS IS.
.F3.
!
THAT'S



CLACK


WHEN HE FIRST ENTERED THAT ROOM ..
HEY, WHAT IS THIS PIPE?

THAT PIPE IS...
...A CELL-PHONE... IN SUCH A PLACE...

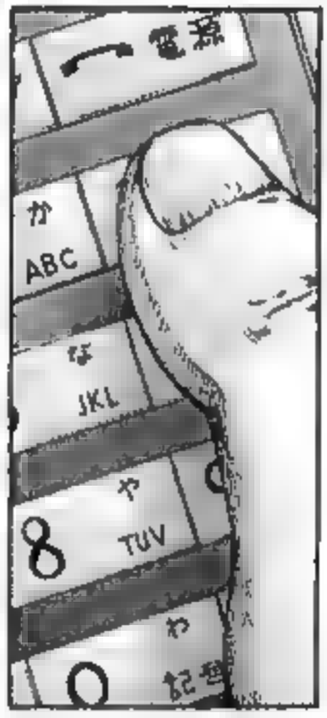
!
..TAKE AWAY ANY DEVICE YOU CAN USE TO CONTACT EACH OTHER, SUCH AS CELLPHONES.
I DON'T TRUST YOU GUYS AT ALL. THAT BEING SAID...

...HE CASUALLY HID A PHONE IN THERE
AS HE DID SO...
HE NEVER USED THE PHRASE OF "NO PHONES ALLOWED" HE TOLD AMAKO AND THE OTHERS.

WE'LL STOP THAT BY USING ANY MEANS POSSIBLE... BUT .
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR ANY OUTSIDERS TO INTRUDE DURING THE GAME..
HE IS CLEARLY NOT BREAKING ANY RULES ...IS HE PLANNING ON CONTACTING HIS COMRADES?

TO: KAJI
TITLE: IT'S NOT AN ALIBI BUT...

ISN'T NOV. 5TH, 2004 YOUR BIRTHDAY, KAJI-CHAN? DID THEY ASK FOR YOUR ALIBI THAT DAY? IF SO, I'VE OBTAINED SOME INFORMATION ABOUT THE CULPRIT. CHECK IT OUT BELOW! THE REST IS UP TO YOU, KAJI-CHAN... YOU MAKE YOUR OWN DECISIONS...




...KAJI CAN BE SAVED...

BUT ..

CLICK

AND SENT

I BROUGHT UP THAT DATE WHEN I WAS CHECKING THE L FILES... USOGUI DIDN'T SEEM TO CARE MUCH, BUT...

...IF HE UNDERSTOOD HOW NOVEMBER 5TH WAS RELATED TO KAJI, THEN IT'S NOT SURPRISING THAT HE WOULD QUESTION THOSE WORDS...

NOVEMBER 5TH, OKU-TAMA..

THE NEXT DATE IS 2004...

..NO-VEMBER 5TH, OKU-TAMA.

THIS IS COMPLETELY UNRELATED TO THE GAME... AS AN OVERSEER, THIS DOESN'T AFFECT ME AT ALL...
..WHILE USOGUI IS STILL ALIVE...
KAJI WAS GIVEN THE HINT THAT HE SHOULD STAY ALIVE. HE SHOULD BE GRATEFUL...
I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW USEFUL THE PHONE WOULD BE, BUT ..
BUT THE L FILES WERE CONFIRMED BEFORE USOGUI HID HIS PHONE...
KAJI-CHAN?
1
VRR
VRR
TO: BAKU-SAN
TITLE: BINGO
THANK YOU FOR THE INFORMATION!! I MAY BE ABLE TO SOLVE THE INCIDENT! I'LL TRY MY BEST. I'LL DESTROY THE PEOPLE WHO'VE STEPPED OFF THE TRACK OF A NORMAL HUMAN BEING. I'M ACTUALLY CURRENTLY DRINKING SOME DELICIOUS COFFEE AT THIS SHOP...
TRY MY BEST. I'LL
PEOPLE WHO'VE STEPPED OFF
THE TRACK OF A NORMAL HUMAN
ACTUALLY CURRENTLY
!
.....

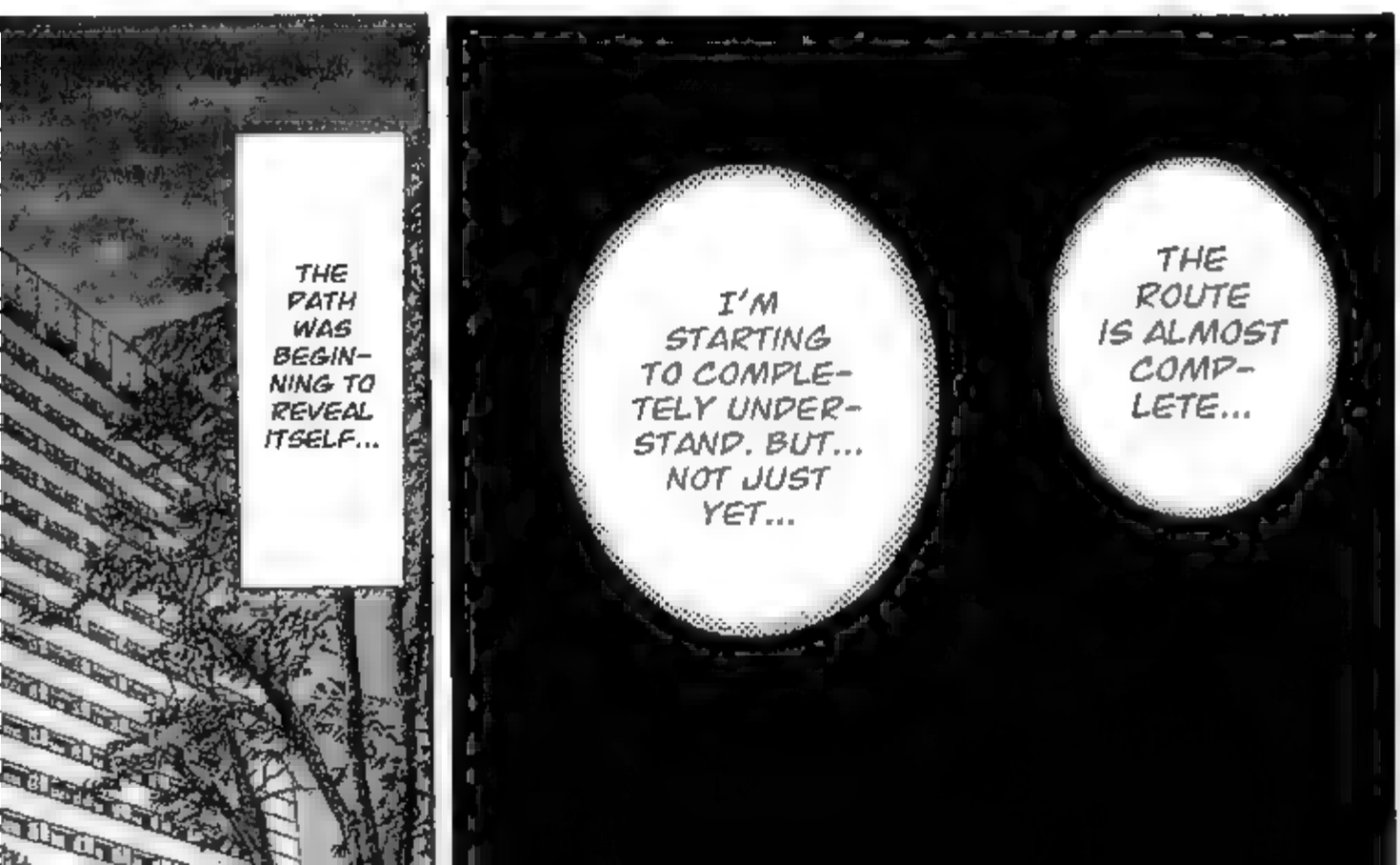
STEPPED...
OFF...

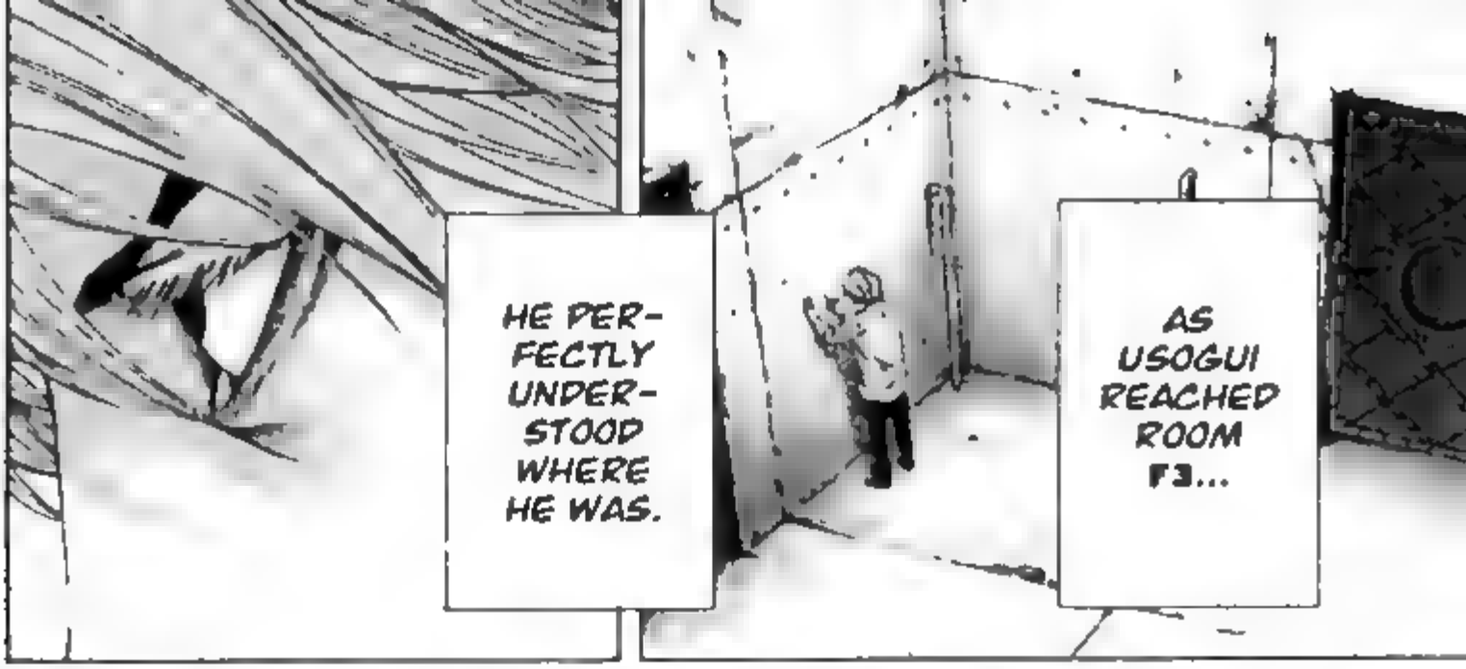
KAJI-
CHAN...
CLICK

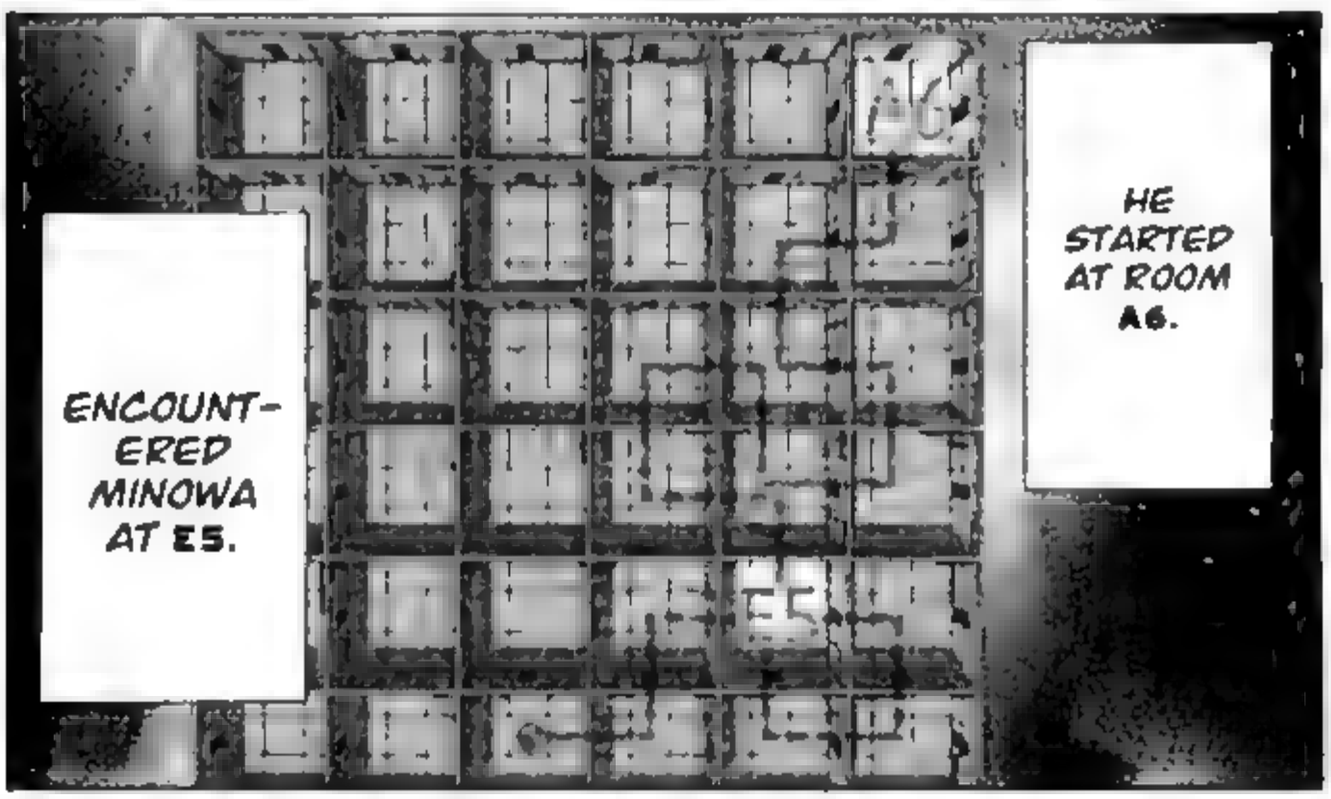
SLAP
I'LL DO WHAT I CAN UNTIL...
WELL... NOW
...I HEAR ABOUT THAT.

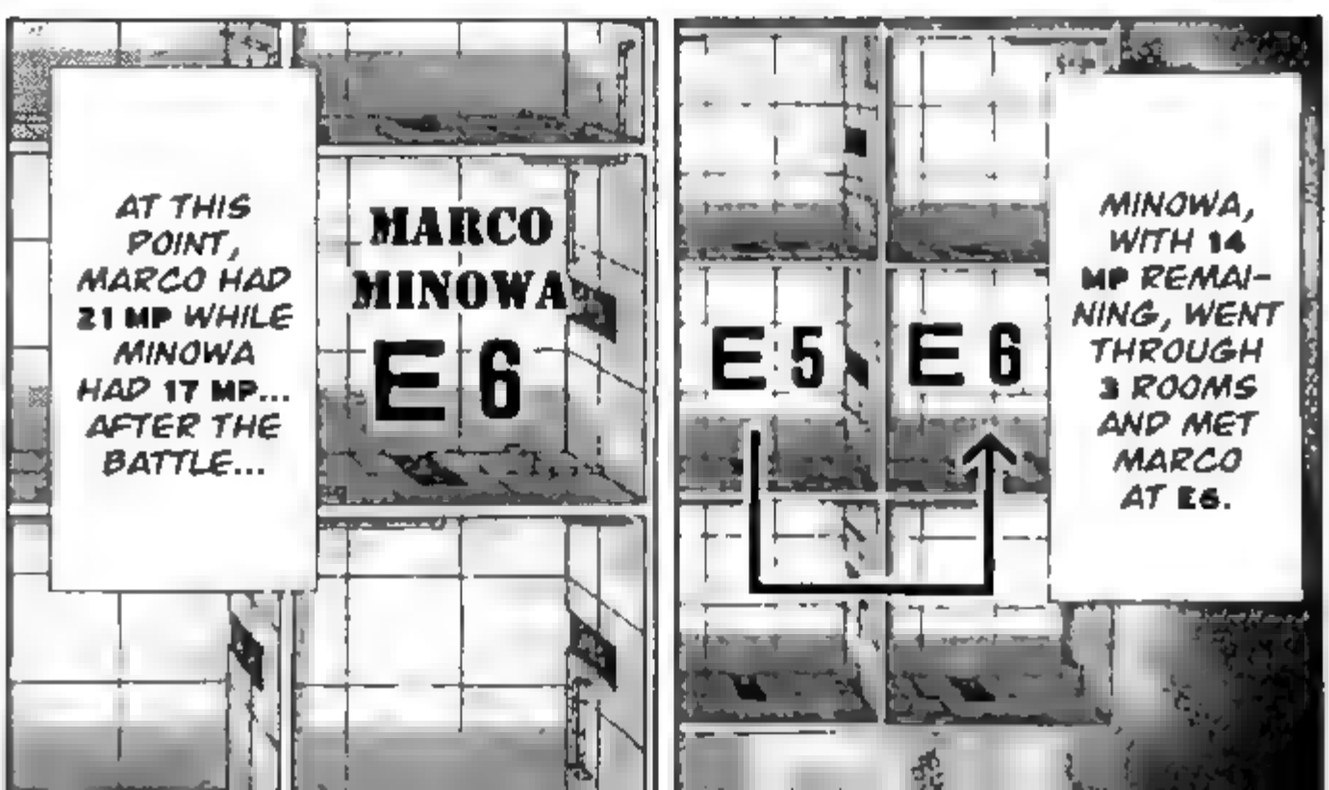
CURRENTLY ENCOUNTERING ANOTHER OPPONENT. IN TERMS OF VIOLENCE AND STRENGTH, HE IS SECOND TO NONE...
MINOWA IS...

BUT I WON'T MOVE JUST YET
USOGUI MAY BE CUNNINGLY MAKING OTHERS SAVE MP.
THE INFORMATION I RECEIVED FROM WHEN I MET USOGUI EARLIER IS UNRELIABLE.


THE PATH WAS BEGINNING TO REVEAL ITSELF...
I'M STARTING TO COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND. BUT... NOT JUST YET...
THE ROUTE IS ALMOST COMPLETE...


HE PERFECTLY UNDERSTOOD WHERE HE WAS.
AS USOGUI REACHED ROOM F3...

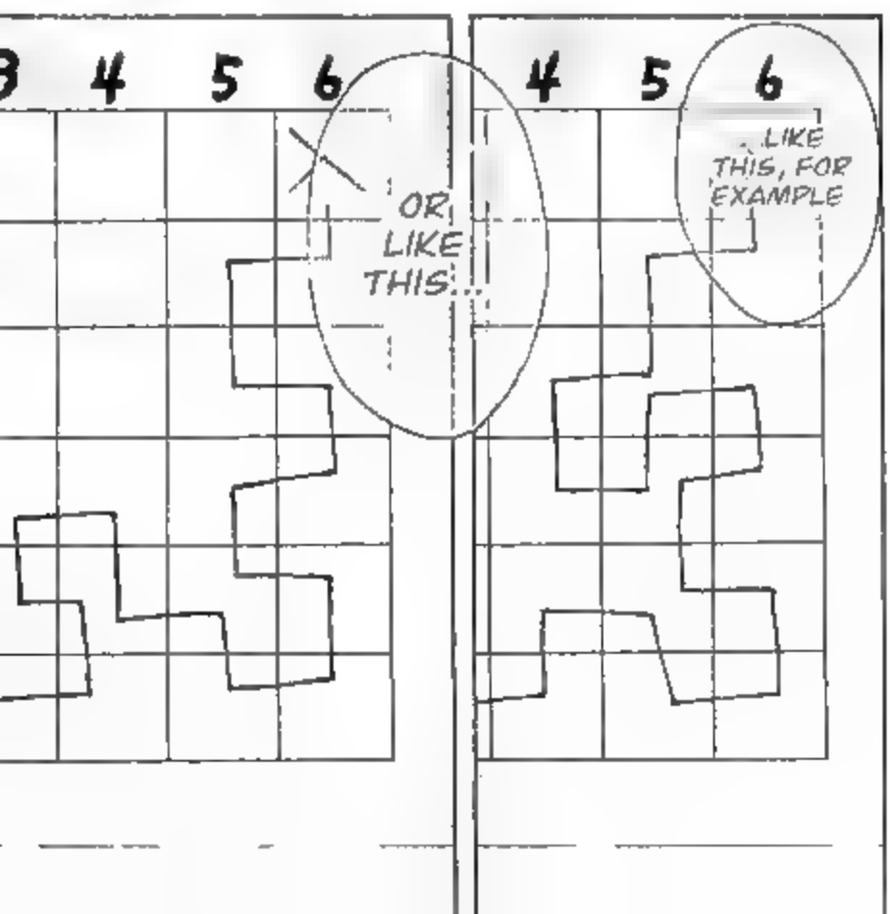

ENCOUNTERED MINOWA AT E5.
HE STARTED AT ROOM A6.
A6
E5

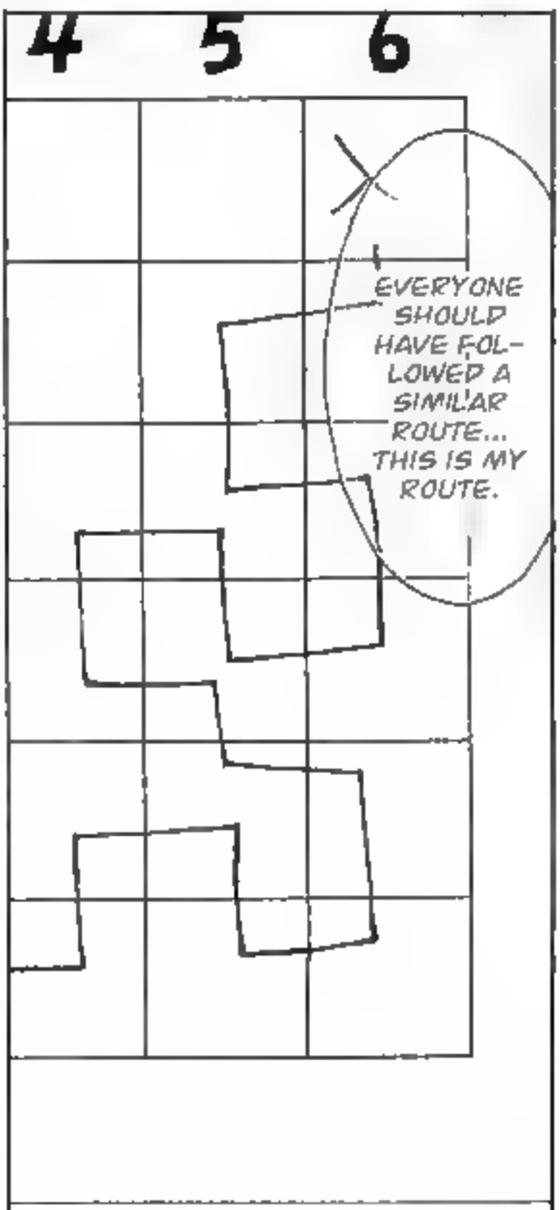

AT THIS POINT, MARCO HAD 21 MP WHILE MINOWA HAD 17 MP... AFTER THE BATTLE...
MARCO
MINOWA
E6
E5
E6
MINOWA, WITH 14 MP REMAINING, WENT THROUGH 3 ROOMS AND MET MARCO AT E6.

IF EVERYONE WERE TO FOLLOW THE RULES, THEN .
I MET THAT OLD MAN AT E5. THERE WAS PROBABLY NOT THAT BIG OF A MP GAP BACK THEN
scritch
scritch
FOLLOWING THE RULES OF THE LABY-RINTH, I CAN PRETTY MUCH KNOW WHERE THAT OLD MAN STARTED FROM

MARCO USED:
10 MP
MINOWA USED:
11 MP.
E6
MARCO ENDED UP 11 MP, WHILE MINOWA HAD 6 MP LEFT.

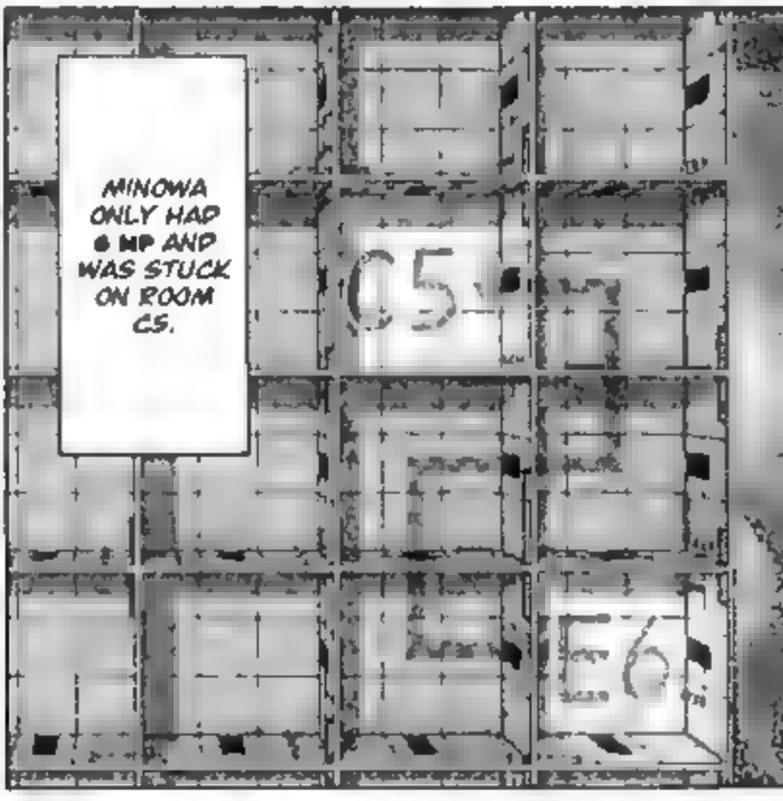
AND KADOKURA PROBABLY CREATED A ROUTE...

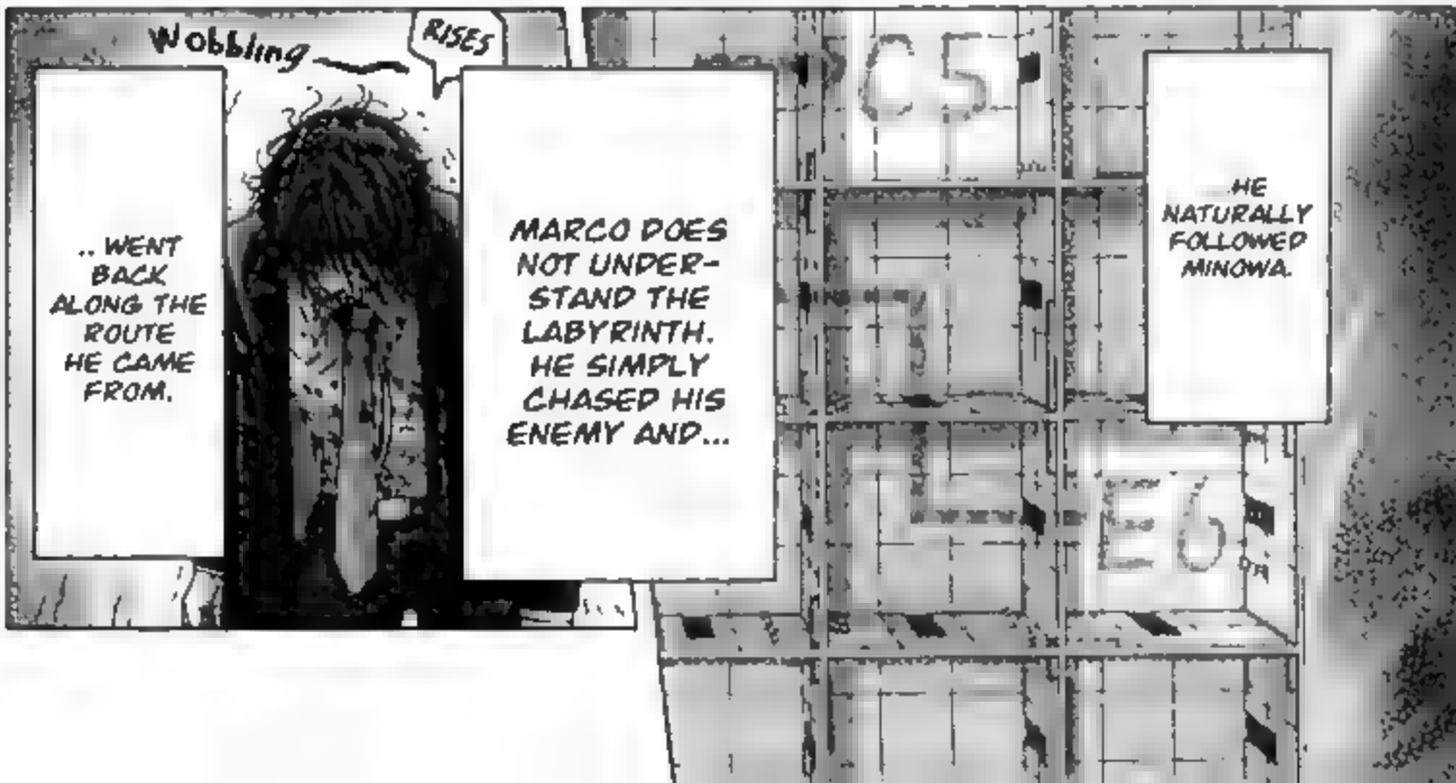

3 4 5 6
OR LIKE THIS...
4 5 6
LIKE THIS, FOR EXAMPLE


4 5 6
EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE FOL-LOWED A SIMILAR ROUTE... THIS IS MY ROUTE.

USOGUI WAS STARTING TO UNDERSTAND THE LABYRINTH.
A ROOM WHICH EACH PLAYER SHARES...
THIS IS MADE IN A WAY THAT PLAYERS CAN ENCOUNTER EACH OTHER EASILY
EACH PLAYER SHARES AN ENTRANCE AND AN EXIT

THIS ROOM WAS SHAPED BY EVERY PLAYER
THE DOOR MINOWA CAME OUT OF WAS ALSO THE DOOR THAT MARCO ENTERED
DURING MARCO'S TURN...


MINOWA ONLY HAD 0 HP AND WAS STUCK ON ROOM C5.
C5
E6


Wobbling
RISES
.. WENT BACK ALONG THE ROUTE HE CAME FROM.
MARCO DOES NOT UNDERSTAND THE LABYRINTH. HE SIMPLY CHASED HIS ENEMY AND...
HE NATURALLY FOLLOWED MINOWA.
C5
E6

IT WAS A DANGER-OUS MOVE THAT MARCO MADE, FOR HE COULD BE TAKEN DOWN

LUCK WAS ON THE SIDE OF THE WILD ONE.
THEY BOTH HAVE 11 MP REMA-INING
AND SO, THEY MEET AGAIN AT C5.

I'LL ALSO USE 11 MP
HEHE... INTERES-TING.

.....
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

OVER-SEER, JUST IN CASE, WE HAVE SENT REIN-FORCE-MENTS TO ROOM C5.
TIME LIMIT: 30 SECONDS. AN M TIME BETWEEN TWO MON-STERS.

BEGIN.

...KILL HIM.
...HOW MUCH DAMAGE HE'S TAKEN ALREADY...
THIS IDIOT DOESN'T UNDER-STAND...
...THIS GUY WILL DIE WITH ONE OR TWO MORE HITS...SO I'LL DEFINITELY...
I COULD HAVE JUST SAVED MY MP, BUT...
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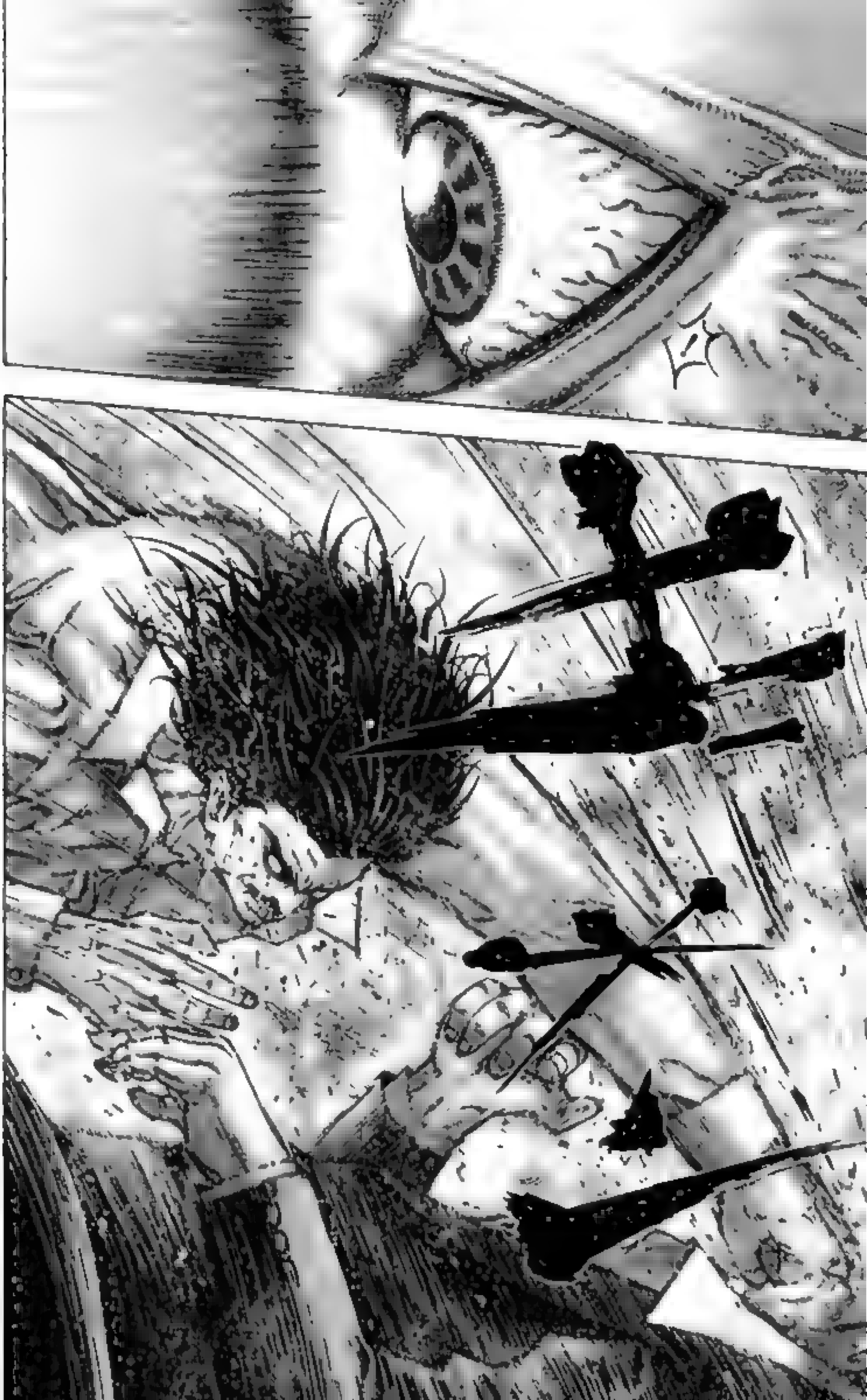
おお

GRAB



# CHAPTER 127:
# SUPERHUMAN

butler cafe
Hyakki Yako

ALSO MS. KURAMA AT 3PM... THAT IS ALL THE RESERVATIONS FOR TOMORROW.

WE WILL TAKE OUR LEAVE NOW,

SO,

YES,

MR. YAKOU.

THANK YOU.

パン

AS YOU CAN SEE,

WE ARE CLOSED FOR THE DAY...

……

CLACK

OH REALLY... DON'T MIND ME.

HEY... YOU KNOW...

THIS PLACE IS NOT YOUR HIDEOUT.

I WILL LEAVE ONCE I FINISH THIS.

AND LEAVING YOUR DESTINY TO THE RESULTS OF THE GAME BAKU-SAMA IS PLAYING IN THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT... IS THAT RIGHT?

I'VE HEARD THAT... KAJI-SAMA...

IS BEING CHASED AFTER BY A SMALL GROUP OF POLICE RIGHT NOW...

!

YOU PIECE OF SHIT WHO CAN'T DO ANYTHING YOURSELF!

RELYING ON OTHERS,

HE WILL TRY TO SORT OUT YOUR PROBLEMS AS WELL.

EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE ON ENEMY TERRITORY, MARCO IS WITH HIM... USOGUI WILL PROBABLY WIN.

FORGET IT, KYARA-KUN.

.....
HA HA... KYARA-KUN.

AT LEAST ... SAY SOMETHING.

THEY ARE STILL POLICEMEN .....

ALTHOUGH IT'S A SMALL GROUP,

RING RING

ISN'T THAT GREAT, LOSER...

AFTER YOU LEFT KAKEROU.

.....

.....
THIS HAD HAPPENED BEFORE,

A TALENTED MAN THAT INTRIGUED REFEREE NOWA,

WITH HIS SKIN FLUSHED AND BODY FULL OF EXCITEMENT, REFEREE NOWA'S DESCRIPTOR FOR THAT MAN WAS...

"SUPER-HUMAN!"

THE ENCOUNTER WAS AT A KAKEROU GAME...

BETWEEN TWO ORGANIZATIONS.

THE OPPONENT PROPOSED A DUEL BETWEEN A REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH SIDE TO SETTLE THE ISSUE...

CHANGHUA ZHANG HAPPILY AGREED TO IT.

BY USING THE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION HE HAD ON THEM AS HIS WEAPON...

AND DEMANDED A LARGE SUM OF MONEY. BUT THE NEGOTIATION DIDN'T WORK OUT.

A CHINESE OFFICIAL, CHANGHUA ZHANG, WANTED TO END THE LONG PARTERSHIP WITH THAT ORGANIZATION...

WHEN THE LEGENDARY ASSASSIN BAI LONG PRESENTS HIMSELF...

THE AIR ON THE GROUND FREEZES...

AND EVERY ONLOOKERS' NOSTRILS SHAKE.

BUT THEN,

BAI LONG WAS ABLE TO CONTROL HIS LARGE BODY LIKE A HURRICANE.

!

ONE WOULD NOTICE, NO MATTER HOW UNWILLINGLY.

THAT THE ONE WHO WAS FILLING EVERYONE'S LUNGS WITH COLD AIR WAS ACTUALLY...

NOT BAI LONG
BUT THE MAN
ON THE OTHER SIDE.

YOUR
RIGHT
WRIST,

ITS GONNA
BREAK SOON.

...C'MON,TRY TO
BREAK FREE.

THAT MAN
CANNOT POSSIBLY
DEFEAT BAI LONG
WITH PURE POWER.

NO MATTER HOW
I LOOK AT IT,
THE WEIGHT
DIFFERENCE IS
TOO HUGE...
WITH HIS
MUSCLE MASS,

CRACK

NO MATTER
HOW I THINK
OF IT...
HE AND
BAI LONG...

I KNOW
HOW STRONG
BAI LONG IS...
THIS IS ABSURD,
THIS ABNORMAL
STRENGTH...

THAT ABNORMAL PHYSICAL ABILITY.

REFEREE NOWA USED ALL HIS POWERS TO INVESTIGATE THAT MAN.

WAS IT REFEREE NOWA'S STUBBORN, INQUISITIVE SPIRIT THAT LEAD TO THESE RESULTS?

FROM HIS FINDINGS, AN EXPLANATION WAS OBTAINED.

!

GENES... TO BE EXACT, THE PROTEINS IN HIS BODY ARE SIMILAR TO THE ONES BELONGING TO ANCIENT CREATURES...

ACCORDING TO REFEREE NOWA, THE SECRET THAT IS HIDDEN IN THIS MAN WAS ...

GDF-8 MYOSTATIN.

ANCIENT CREATURES... COULD IT BE...

ON THE OTHER HAND, IF THE AMOUNT OF MYOSTATIN IS DECREASED THROUGH MUSCLE TRAINING AND OTHER METHODS...

THAT WOULD BE ONE OF THE REASONS FOR INCREASED MUSCLE MASS.

YES... MYO-STATIN...

A PROTEIN PRODUCED BY THE BODY FOR INHIBITING MUSCLE CELL GROWTH. THANKS TO THIS, ANIMALS CAN LIMIT MUSCLE GROWTH APPROPRIATELY.

THERE ARE EVEN HYPOTHESES THAT THE REASON WHY ANCIENT CREATURES HAVE SUCH LARGE BODY SIZES IS DUE TO THIS GENE.

IN OTHER WORDS.. IF THE AMOUNT OF MYOSTATIN PRODUCED IN THE BODY DECREASES,

THEN THE MUSCLES WOULD ONLY GROW LARGER AND LARGER.

THAT'S RIGHT, ACCORDING TO THE REFEREE'S WORDS...

I'VE HEARD ABOUT EXAMPLES IN DOGS OR COWS... ...BUT ... THAT MAN ...

WHEN COMPARED WITH A PERSON WITH THE SAME HEIGHT, THAT MAN PROBABLY IS MUCH HEAVIER THAN NORMAL, POSSIBLY AT LEAST 100KG MORE.

IF THAT IS REALLY THE CASE FOR THAT MAN... WHAT SHOULD BE EASILY BE SPOTTED ...

THE BULK MUSCLES THAT SHOULD BE HIGHLY VISIBLE BUT CAN'T BE SEEN... FOR THIS, NOWA'S VIEW IS THAT...

THE MUSCLES WILL BUILD UP IMMENSE STRENGTH, EVEN WHEN IT DIDN'T INCREASE EXCESSIVELY IN SIZE.

MUSCLES, BONES AND TENDONS THAT ARE HIGHLY COMPRESSED...

IS IT BECAUSE OF THE DENSITY OF THE MUSCLES... AND THE SUM OF THE MUSCLE FIBRES?

AND A BODY THAT BARELY PRODUCES HORMONES THAT SUPPRESSES MUSCLE GROWTH...

ALONG WITH MUSCLE FIBRES WITH NATURAL BORN STRENGTH AND EXCEPTIONAL ELASTICITY...

MEANING THAT, HE IS MORE ADVANCED THAN THE ANCIENT CREATURES WHO HAD BEEN DESTROYED BY THEIR HUGE BODIES... ONE CAN SAY THAT HE IS SUPERHUMAN.

DECADES... MUSCLES AND TENDONS HAVE BECOME TOUGH THROUGH THE GROWTH STARTING FROM THE DAY HE WAS BORN,

HOW FUNNY IT IS TO THINK THAT THE TRUTH BEHIND ANCIENT STORIES ABOUT HEROIC PEOPLE WITH SUPER STRENGTH IS MAYBE JUST THAT.

METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT PRIVATE FUNERAL DIVISION MINOWA SEIICHI.

THE MAN'S NAME IS...

LICK

THEN MAYBE THE PEOPLE IN THE MAZE RIGHT NOW ARE THE DEVIL OF THE ABANDON BUILDING, AND THE SUPERHUMAN WHO WILL TAKE HIM OUT...

IF THAT IS TRULY THE CASE,

THE REMAINING M TIME

25 SECONDS

YES, IT'S NOT DAMAGED.

IT JUST SHOWS MARCO'S BACK.

C5!! IS THE CAMERA ALRIGHT?

CHAPTER 128

# EXCHANGE FOR LIFE

!!

REMAINING M TIME IS 25 SECONDS.

SWIFT

WOW

CHAPTER 128

# EXCHANGE FOR LIFE

!

...BUT IT'S TOO BIG

HEHE.

!!..... WHAT A KID.

HIS PHYSICAL ABILITY IS ABOVE MY EXPECTA-TIONS...

# THE WEDGE THAT I HAVE DRIVEN IN!

LIED...

THIS KID WILL VERY SOON BE...

DEAD

GO

JUST PLAY IT SAFE TILL THE TIME IS UP... ALTHOUGH I WANT TO SAY THAT... MARCO...

TOO MUCH DAMAGE WAS TAKEN DURING THE FIRST M TIME.

IF YOU DIE...THEN EVERYTHING WILL BE LOST...

LET'S GO FIGHT

ALSO THAT OLD GEEZER NOWA'S EYE FOR TALENTS IS QUESTION-ABLE AFTER HE DIS-COVERED ME.

THE BODY ALONE DOESN'T DETERMINE IF ONE FIGHTS WELL OR NOT.

WHO CARES IF HE IS SUPER-HUMAN?

IT IS THE SAME WHEN SPEAKING OF THE LEVEL OF VIOLENCE IN COMBAT. WHEN COMPARED WITH MINOWA, WHO CAN EASILY TAKE OUT BAI LONG, MARCO STILL HAVEN'T FULLY DEVELOPED.

I'M AFRAID... MARCO WOULDN'T WIN.

SPLAT

YAKOU ...

WHAT DO YOU THINK? MARCO AND THAT MAN...

WHO WOULD WIN?

IF THEY WERE TO FIGHT...

FROM THIS PERSPECTIVE, I SHALL SAY THAT MARCO IS UNFAVORED AGAINST ANY ENEMY.

TO WIN ONE MUST HAVE THE WISDOM TO BE ABLE TO MANIPULATE THE SITUATION HE IS IN.

HEHE

ALTHOUGH YOU CAUSED MY MP TO BECOME 0, IT DOESN'T MATTER ANYMORE.

NOW I WOULD USE THIS PAIR OF FEET...

.....

TO SEARCH FOR USOGUI, AND ONCE I FIND HIM I WOULD, DESPITE OBJECTIONS...

KILL HIM...

WHEN 3 PLAYERS INCLUDING ME DISAPPEAR, LEAVING ONLY AMAKO,

THE GAME WILL END. THERE ARE TIMES LIKE THIS, RIGHT?

HE FEELS AN ITCH AND WANT TO SCRATCH HIS BACK.

AS IF

AS NATURAL AS IF IT WAS PART OF HIS DAY-TO-DAY LIFE.

THIS MAN WAVES HIS ARMS RELAXINGLY, EQUIPPED WITH TERRIFYING MUSCLE STRUCTURE.

THE ARMS THAT HAS BROUGHT DEATH TO COUNTLESS PEOPLE.

THANKS FOR THE HARD WORK, MARCO-KUN.

*DEATH*

...

YOU'RE FINISHED.

THERES ABOUT 10 SECONDS LEFT...

THE TIME WAS UP LAST TIME, BUT THIS TIME...

**WHY...**

*WHY DO LIFES*

...

*FIGHT?*

MAR

...

MARCO... WILL DIE!

*WHY DO PEOPLE*

...

*FIGHT... AND MURDER?*

IT IS OVER.

.....

HOW-EVER ...

AS LONG AS LIFE AND FIGHTS EXIST, THIS WILL BE... AN UNAVOID-ABLE SIN.

BUT I'M STILL WILLING TO BELIEVE.

ALTHOUGH THIS MIGHT SOUND LIKE A CONVENIENT SELF COMFORT.

I'M AFRAID THAT MARCO WON'T WIN.

IF THAT IS SO...

ALL OUR FUTILE CONFLICTS,

AND PATHETIC WARS.

BECAUSE ...

I HAVE DONE... A LOT OF BAD THINGS.

I DESERVE IT...

TO PROFIT THROUGH CONFLICT WILL CAUSE PILLAGING AND MURDER, YET REJECTING CONFLICT WILL ALSO CAUSE THE DEATH OF OTHERS.

MAR...
CO...

WILL DIE...

NOR FOR KILLING EACH OTHER.

ARE DEFI-NITELY NOT FOR PLUNDER-ING.

BUT ...

BEFORE MARCO DIES...

SO THAT WHAT WE TREA-SURE

CAN LIVE ON.

WE FIGHT,

I MUST FIRST... KILL YOU.

HUH?

MAYBE ONLY THE MADNESS THAT CAN SUBVERT SUCH INFERIORITY WILL WIN.

IF THAT IS SO,

# EPISODE 129
# DEVIL VS SUPERHUMAN

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TEARS,
APOLOGIES,
DEVASTATION
.....

ANGER,
HATE,
DISTORTION
.....

DESPAIR...,
REALIZATION,

THE SLOWLY
DETERIORATING FACES
THAT USUALLY STAND
BEFORE ME ...
THIS...IS
DIFFERENT FROM
ALL OF THEM.

...WHAT
EXACTLY
...

WHAT
...

OF YOURS?

THIS FACE...

IS...

IS THE FACE...

THIS...

THAT KILLS WHILE SMILING... AT YOU... THAT'S WHAT'S...

INSIDE OF MARCO!

YOU KNOW ABOUT MARCO'S OTHER PERSONALITY, RODEMU, RIGHT...?

TO WAKE HIM UP, THERE IS A CERTAIN QUESTION THAT HAS TO BE SOLVED...

FIRST OF ALL, HOW DO YOU PUSH THE BUTTON THAT SWITCHES HIS PERSONALITY WHILE IGNORING HIS OWN WILL?

ALSO ...

BOTH OF THEIR TRANSMITTERS MIGHT BE BROKEN, ONCE M TIME IS OVER.

RODEMU'S APPEARANCE MIGHT CAUSE USOGUI TO BE CAUGHT IN HIS OWN TRAP.

RUSH IN IMMEDIATELY. GUNS ARE PERMITTED IF YOU COME UPON AN UNEXPECTED SITUATION.

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IT MUST BE IN A SITUATION WHERE RODEMU CAN BE CONTROLLED.

DEPENDING ON THE SITUATION...

IT IS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE FOR IT TO GO WELL... BUT IF THESE PREREQUISITES ARE NOT FULFILLED...

I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR MARCO TO WIN AGAINST MINOWA IN PURE COMBAT...

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PHEW —

.....

THAT WAS DISGUSTING.

.....

GULP

嘘喰い⑫。

WILL ONLY SPEAK FROM THEIR OWN EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE.
GEEZERS ...
I DON'T WANT TO GET OLD—
WHAT... DID YOU JUST SAY?
AND WHAT HAPPENED IN THAT APARTMENT ...
WITH OLD MAN NOWA.
ABOUT THE ABANDONED BUILDING...
I KNOW... ABOUT RODEMU,

I THINK YOU HAVE BEEN MISTAKEN... WHILE IN THE FUJI FOREST...
THAT MAN... WHO HAD BEATEN ME...

THAT GUY IS COMPROMISING WITH SOMETHING INSIDE OF HIM AND KEEPS TRANSFORMING.
I HAD FOUGHT WITH HIM BEFORE, SO I KNOW.
SAID DIS GUS TING
YOU

VICTORY BELONGS TO...

MARCO.

WHAT ...

WHAT WAS... THAT... JUST NOW ...

MACRO, WHO IS EMERGING FROM CONFUSION.

IT WAS THE BEST WARRIOR,

IS NOT RODEMU ...

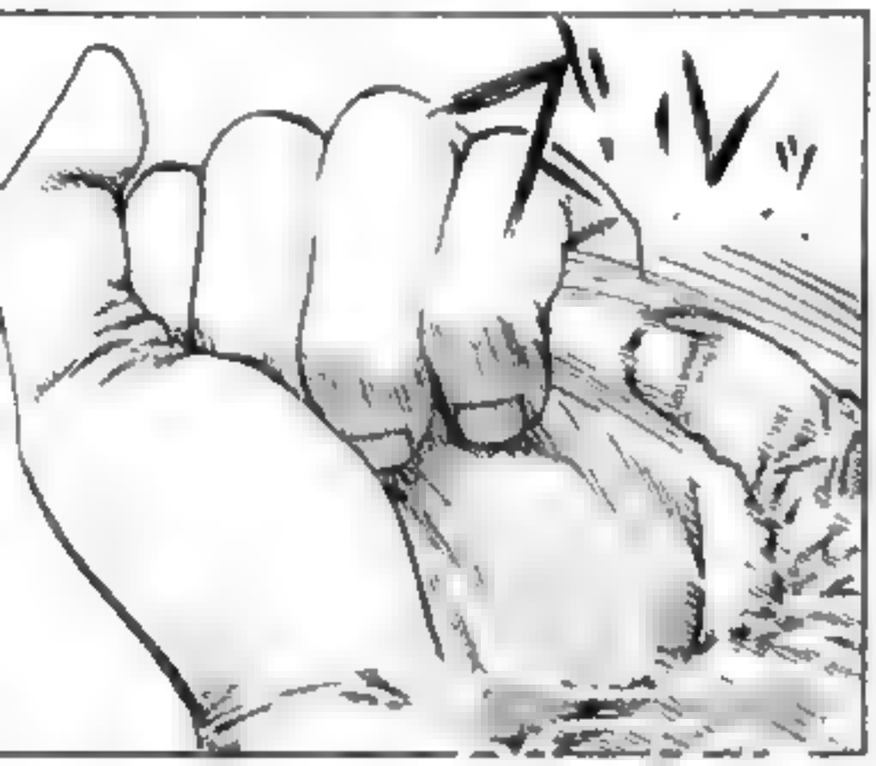
SNAP

SNAP

CRACK

!!

PULL



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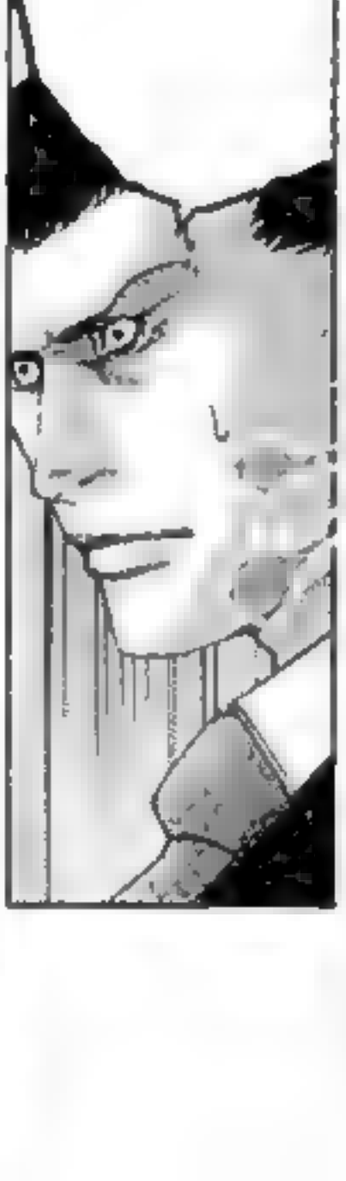

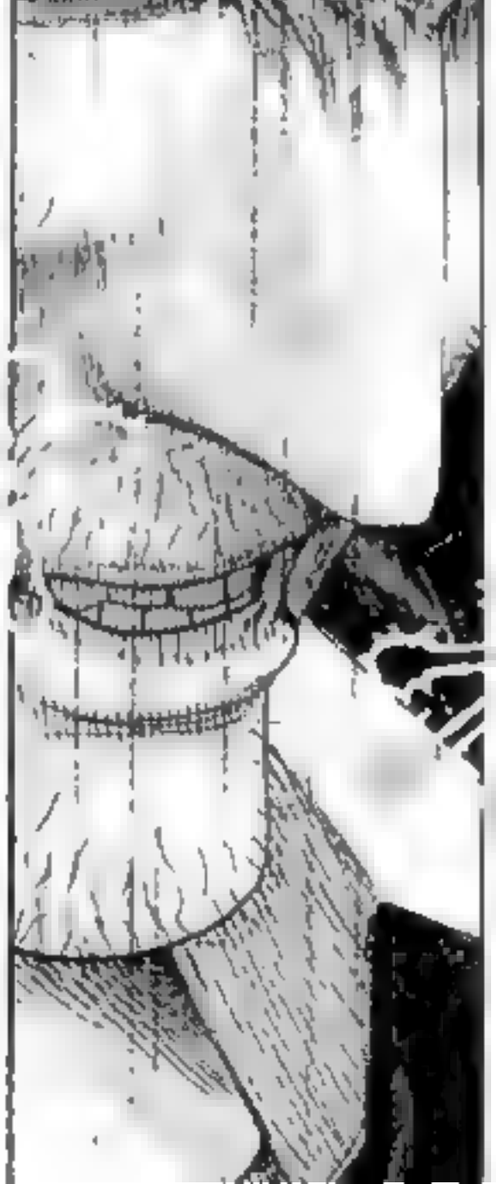

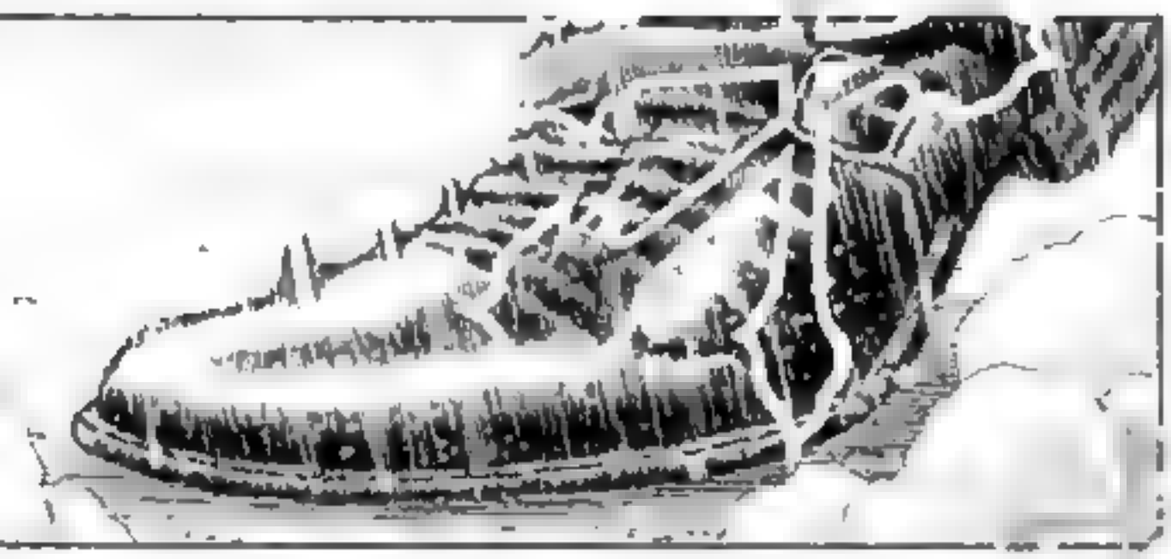

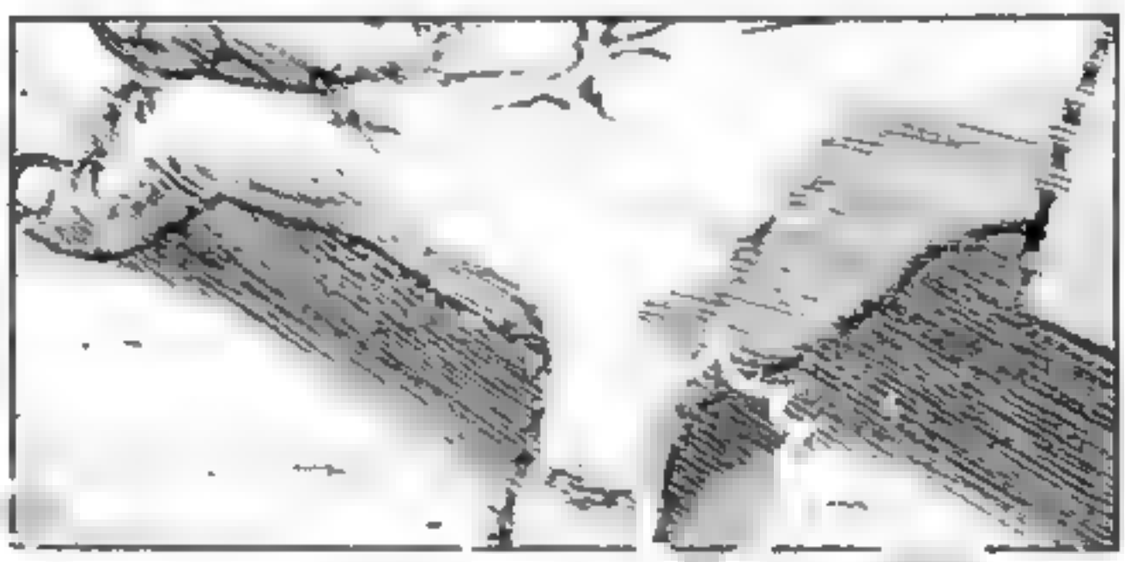

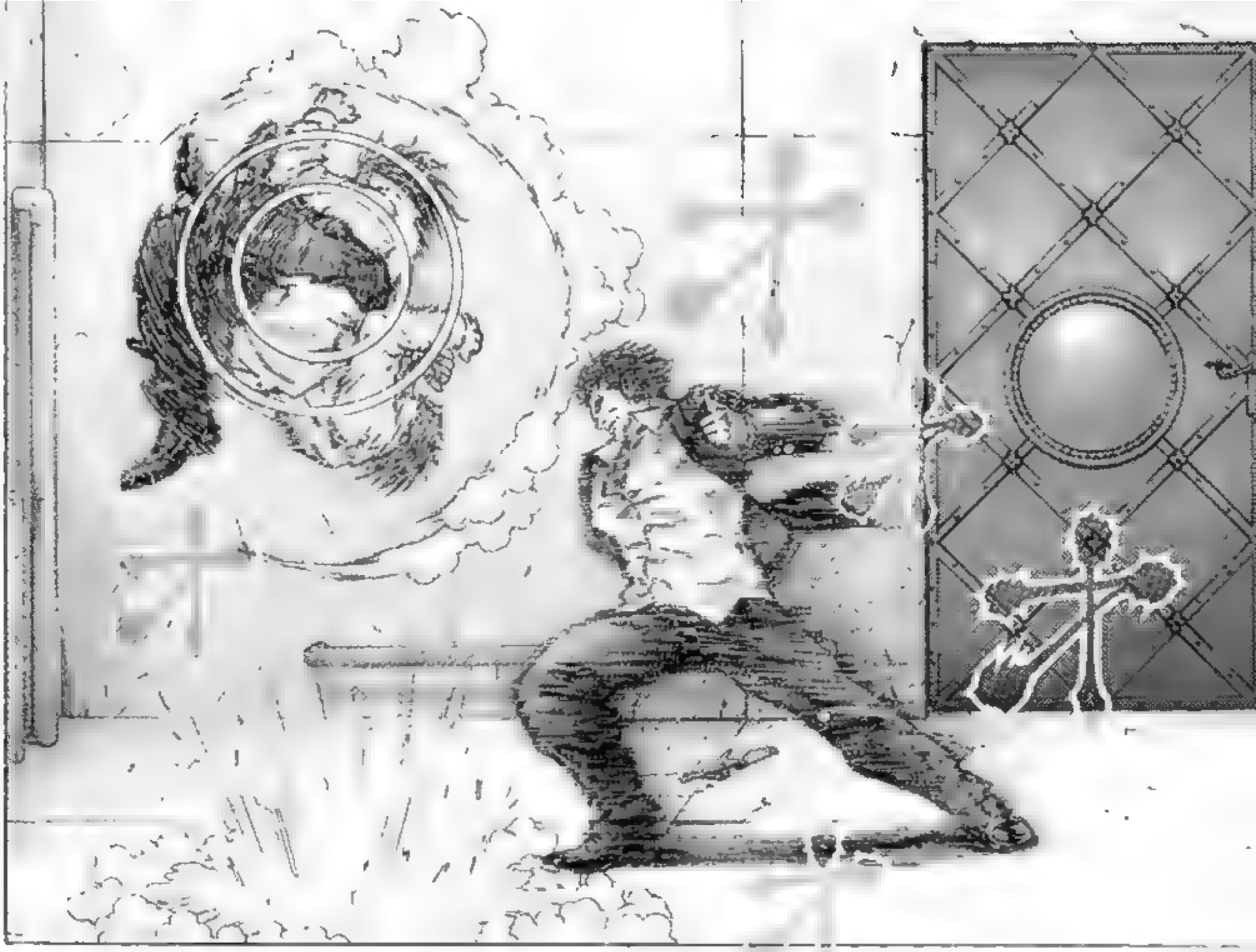

STOMP

SLAM

THANK YOU FOR YOUR
PURCHASE OF VOLUME 12.

FROM NOW ON,
I WILL RELEASE THE
ONE-SHOT MANGA "USOKUI"
(MY FIRST PUBLISHED MANGA)
IN SEVERAL PARTS.
THIS TIME I WILL RELEASE THE OPENING,
THE FIRST 3 PAGES.
I WILL TRY TO RELEASE AS MANY PAGES
AS POSSIBLE AFTERWARDS,
THANK YOU GUYS.

"DEBT COLLECTOR YAKOU HIKOICHI"
WILL BE PAUSED DURING THIS TIME.

迫稔雄
SAKO TOSHIO

TL NOTE:
1. THIS IS THE STORY THAT THE AUTHOR DREW BEFORE HE STARTED DRAWING "USOGUI".
2. THE TITLE HAS ONE DIFFERENT LETTER, BUT THE KANJI AND THE MEANING ARE THE SAME.
3. ALTHOUGH THE CHARACTERS ARE THE SAME, THIS STORY ISN'T RELATED TO THE MAIN STORY.

"LYING"
...

ALL CREATURES ON EARTH LIVE BY DECEIVING OTHERS.

WOW.

FOR A CREATURE, IT'S A NECESSARY INSTINCT...

SIR, BECAUSE THE AMOUNT IS TOO BIG, PLEASE EXCHANGE IT IN ANOTHER ROOM...

PHEW~

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN THIS AMOUNT OF CHIPS.

AWESOME, THERE'S ABOUT 20 MILLION!

SPECIAL ONE-SHOT
A PECULIAR GAMBLER

# USOKUI

I REMEMBER HE'S CALLED...

THE WAITERS TALKED ABOUT HIM JUST NOW.

AH,

WHO'S THAT GUY?

USOKUI.
(LIE EATER)

SPECIAL ONE-SHOT

# A PECULIAR GAMBLER USOKUI

NOT ONLY TO OTHERS, THEY EVEN LIE TO THEMSELVES.

THERE'S NO CREATURE THAT IS BETTER AT LYING THAN HUMANS.

TSK.

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IN THIS WORLD WHERE PEOPLE ARE ALWAYS THINKING OF HOW TO LIE TO OTHERS...

..... OUCH.

SIR, RIGHT HERE.

AH!

!!

UGH!

ON9

COME IN, PLEASE.

THERE'S A MAN WHO RELIES ON OTHER'S LIES AS "FOOD" FOR LIFE.

◀TO BE CONTINUED